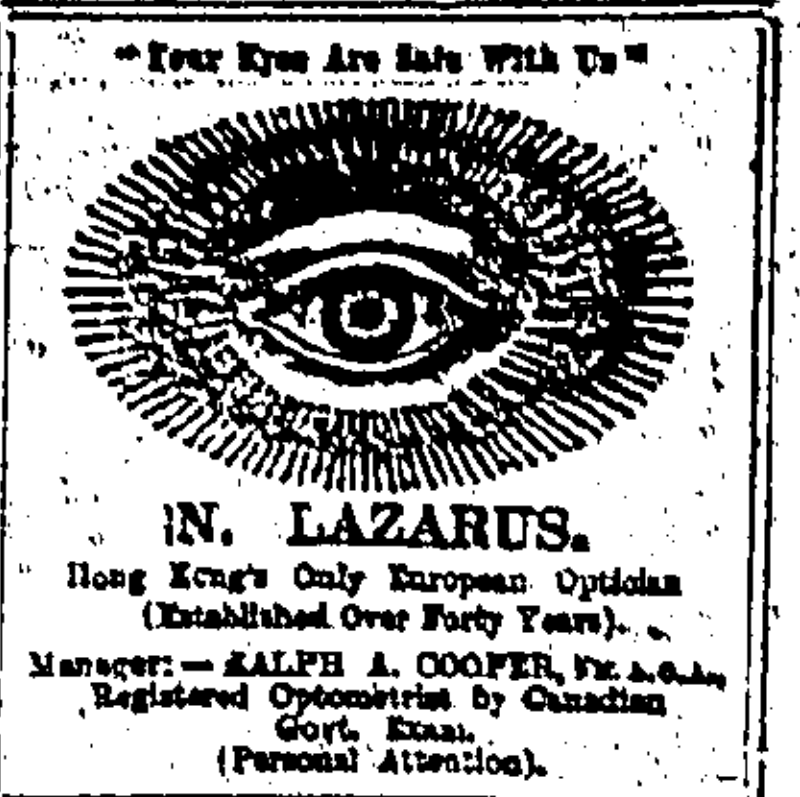


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UP TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11
Kowloon Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.05	9.15	10.00	10.10	1.15	1.35	2.45	3.00
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.45	8.10	8.35	9.10	9.20	10.05	10.15	1.20	1.40	2.50	3.05
Shatin Dep.	7.01	7.26	7.51	8.26	8.36	10.20	10.30	1.25	1.45	2.55	3.10
Tai Po Dep.	7.16	7.41	8.06	8.41	8.51	10.35	10.45	1.30	1.50	3.00	3.15
Market Dep.	7.30	7.55	8.20	8.55	9.05	10.49	10.59	1.34	1.54	3.04	3.19
Fanning Dep.	7.30	7.55	8.20	8.55	9.05	10.49	10.59	1.34	1.54	3.04	3.19
Shing Shui Dep.	7.35	8.00	8.25	9.00	9.10	10.54	11.04	1.39	1.59	3.09	3.24
Sham Chun Dep.	7.41	8.06	8.31	9.06	9.16	10.59	11.09	1.45	2.05	3.15	3.30
Canton Arr.	12.05	12.30	12.55	1.30	1.40	2.24	2.34	3.18	3.28	4.12	4.27

DOWN TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11
Canton Dep.	7.10	7.35	8.00	8.25	8.35	9.19	9.29	10.13	10.23	1.07	1.22
Sham Chun Dep.	7.15	7.40	8.05	8.30	8.40	9.24	9.34	10.18	10.28	1.12	1.27
Shing Shui Dep.	7.20	7.45	8.10	8.35	8.45	9.29	9.39	10.23	10.33	1.17	1.32
Fanning Dep.	7.20	7.45	8.10	8.35	8.45	9.29	9.39	10.23	10.33	1.17	1.32
Market Dep.	7.25	7.50	8.15	8.40	8.50	9.34	9.44	10.28	10.38	1.21	1.36
Tai Po Dep.	7.30	7.55	8.20	8.45	8.55	9.39	9.49	10.33	10.43	1.25	1.40
Shatin Dep.	7.40	8.05	8.30	8.55	9.05	9.49	9.59	10.43	10.53	1.29	1.44
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	7.45	8.10	8.35	9.00	9.10	9.54	10.04	10.48	10.58	1.33	1.48
Kowloon Arr.	8.17	8.42	9.07	9.32	9.42	10.26	10.36	11.20	11.30	12.14	12.29

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VIEWS OF THREE FAMOUS MEN.

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"The future of British civil aviation depends more on the world-wide routes than on its internal air communications."

"It is difficult to see how public air lines can compete with railways within the British Isles except where a sea journey, with its delays of embarkation and disembarkation, cause discomfort and waste of time."

"Uncentral Position."

"Trunk airlines will certainly become world wide, and here Britain suffers from her uncentral position. But if she retains control of Egypt and Singapore, she has two of the most important centres from which routes will radiate throughout the Eastern hemisphere."

"For the North Atlantic passage, Britain has the advantage of the shortest distance, but the worst weather conditions. As air navigation improves, the weather will become less important and the short distance will give this country the superiority of position over her rivals."

MR. F. HANDLEY PAGE (the first man to build giant aircraft and the designer of the slotted wing)

"At the present time British civil aviation, as is the case of nearly all air transport activity, depends on continued Government support by way of subsidy in order that the companies operating can make two ends meet."

"This is largely due to the fact that bad weather conditions cause interruptions of the service, and so create a feeling of uncertainty and unreliability in the mind of the travelling public, and, further, the cost of air operation is high, and entails a charge to the travelling public somewhat higher than they are prepared to pay."

"When, however, the new through routes to India and Australia which are projected are in actual being, and the public realise the great saving in time which will result therefrom in sending their correspondence by air, public support will be forthcoming without a doubt, in the same way that the air mail across America has been supported. The high charge necessary to make air transport pay will become a secondary consideration."

"More Economies."

"Apart from this development, the great and continued improvement which is being made in aircraft design will enable more economies to be made in flying operations, and so reduce the present high cost."

"I therefore look forward to a two-fold development in civil aviation: 1. In the organisation and operation of much longer routes than exist to-day. 2. Great improvements in aircraft design and construction to make flying cheaper."

MR. T. O. M. SPOWORTH (the famous pilot and first British constructor of the single-seater fighting machine)

"The time has now arrived when we can look forward with confidence to a gradually increasing use of civil aviation."

"The position at the moment is that although very useful work has been done in laying the foundations for the future, the demand for civil airplanes of types larger than what is now known as the light airplane is almost negligible."

Market For Little Machines.

"The light airplane, however, has made great strides during the last twelve months, and there is a healthy and growing demand for this type, and I am convinced that not only will there be a large market for these little machines in the future, but that they will perform the groundwork necessary to pave the way for the demand for larger, civil types—especially for use overseas, where conditions for development are ideal."

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RATS FLEE FROM PLAGUE.

THOUSANDS CROSSING VELD.

TOWN'S EFFORTS TO STOP THEIR ENTRY.

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 15th.

Swarms of panic-stricken rats in parties of thousands are fleeing across the plains of central Cape Province from west to east. With uncanny instinct, heading away from modern medical knowledge, they are now known to be endeavouring to escape the wave of plague infection which has broken out in the west.

Within the past two days six European cases of believed bubonic plague have been reported from the Carnarvon district, three being fatal. Long before evidences of the plague were apparent to humans, however, the rats had deserted the district, crossed a great tract of country, and reached Deonar Junction, on the Cape-Rand Railway, where the municipality posted gangs of armed men, who are slaying the invaders in hundreds, endeavouring to prevent their entry into the town.

The rats, which are of the peculiar type inhabiting the South African veldt, delayed their departure from Carnarvon just a little too long, for the plague infection was already among them, resulting in large numbers falling dead as they ran. The health authorities of Pretoria have sent experts to Deonar to take charge of the situation and endeavour to combat the rat invasion and the spreading of the Carnarvon plague infection over a wide area.

EX-KING AT OXFORD

WITTY EPIC ON ENGLAND.

King George of Greece, who took part in a debate at the Oxford Union moved: "That this house prefers an athletic to an aesthetic education."

It is believed that this was the first occasion upon which a member of a Royal Family has spoken at the Union.

There was a full house. King George entered with the President, and was followed by a procession of the officers of the Union Society. He wore a monocle, and smilingly acknowledged the applause, which greeted him. He read, in excellent English, from a manuscript. "I was brought up in part at an English school," he said, "but I can speak only English which is not the King's, though I can swear in your vernacular. I must admit, too, that the 'Oxford manner' is not fully mine."

King George dealt with his subject in a series of witty epigrams.

Too Many Bookworms.

"The world is already too full of bookworms and blue stockings, long-haired men and short-haired women. Give me men of brawn and sinew rather than the man who loses his eyesight in the laboratory or the man who studies invertebrates until he is without backbone," he said.

"Nothing more distinguishes English citizens than their independence at home and their effrontery and cheek abroad."

"There might have been no Great War if the nations had learned to play with leather instead of lead."

"The growth of games on the Continent is a happy augury for peace. In pleading for an athletic education I am pleading the cause of English character, grit, and guts."

The Pro-athletic cause was defeated, the figures being:

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FAMOUS PICTURE SOLD TO AMERICA.

Lord Chesham has sold his world-famous masterpiece, the full-length portrait of Lady Betty Compton, by Sir Joshua Reynolds, to Messrs. Knoedler and Co. for a sum stated to be "above £100,000," and Messrs. Knoedler have already resold it to an American collector, presumably for a still higher sum.

The picture, which many American collectors have been long desirous of possessing, was painted by Reynolds in 1785 for Lord George Cavendish, the great-grandfather of the present Lord Chesham. (Continued on next column).

DIARY OF EVENTS.

Today.

(December 17th.)

Sale of English toys and wools, Helena May Institute, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Annual General Meeting, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, 3.30 p.m.

Dinner and Carnival on board m.s. Fulda, 8 p.m.

Hong Kong Philharmonic Society "Tom Jones," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Patsy."

World Theatre: "Tess of the d'Urbervilles," 5.15 and 9.15 at 2.30 and 7.15. Chinese Picture "The Lady Detective."

Star Theatre: "The Bugle Call."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

Tuesday.

(December 18th.)

Sale of Cakes, Candies, etc., Helena May Institute, 10.30 to 1 p.m. (In aid of Union Church Funds).

Quarry Bay School, Display, 2.30 p.m.

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. 1st XI. v. University, King's Park, 5 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Way Sailors Go Wrong."

World Theatre: "Across the Pacific."

Star Theatre: "Beau Geste."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

Wednesday.

(December 19th.)

Prize giving Victoria British School, 10.30 a.m.

H.K. Philharmonic Society "Tom Jones," Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Fazio."

World Theatre: "Across the Pacific."

Star Theatre: "Beau Geste."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

Thursday.

(December 20th.)

Kowloon British School, Juniors, Prize giving, 10.30 a.m.

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI. v. Recreation, King's Park, 5 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Fazio."

World Theatre: "The Magic Flame," 5.15 and 9.30 p.m.; Chinese Picture "Nemesis," 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

Star Theatre: "The Flame of Yukon."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

Friday.

(December 21st.)

Land Sale (Nos. 36-38, Chatham Road, Kowloon) Messrs. Lammett Bros., 3 p.m.

Peak School, Prize giving, 5.15 p.m.

Hong Kong Philharmonic Society "Tom Jones," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Fazio."

World Theatre: "The Magic Flame," 5.15 and 9.30 p.m.; Chinese Picture "Nemesis," 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

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No. 2 HAMPER—\$34.

- 1 Qt. Guilleminet Champagne.
1 Pt. D.O.M.
1 Qt. Burgoyne's Brandy.
1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy.
2 Qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky.
- 2 Qts. Tawny Dry Port.
2 Qts. St. Julian Claret.
1 Qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin.
1 Qt. Vino de Paste Sherry.
1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters.

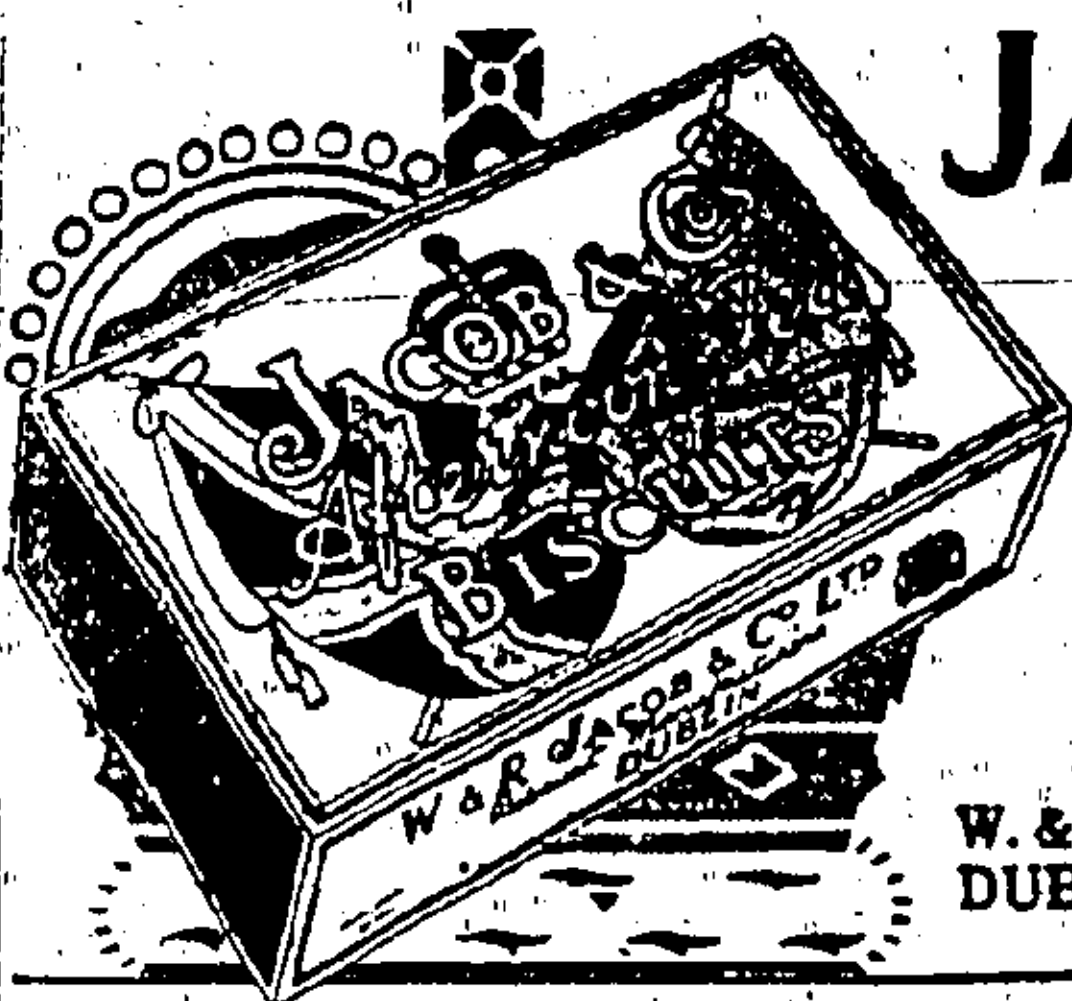
No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

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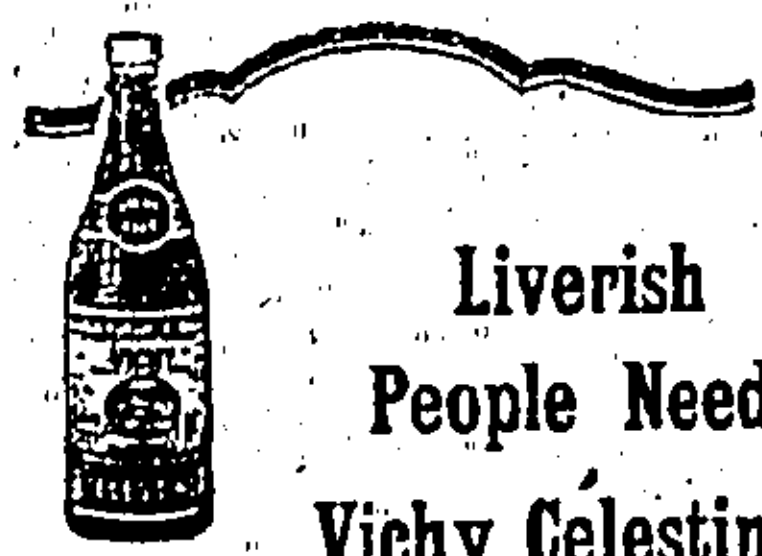
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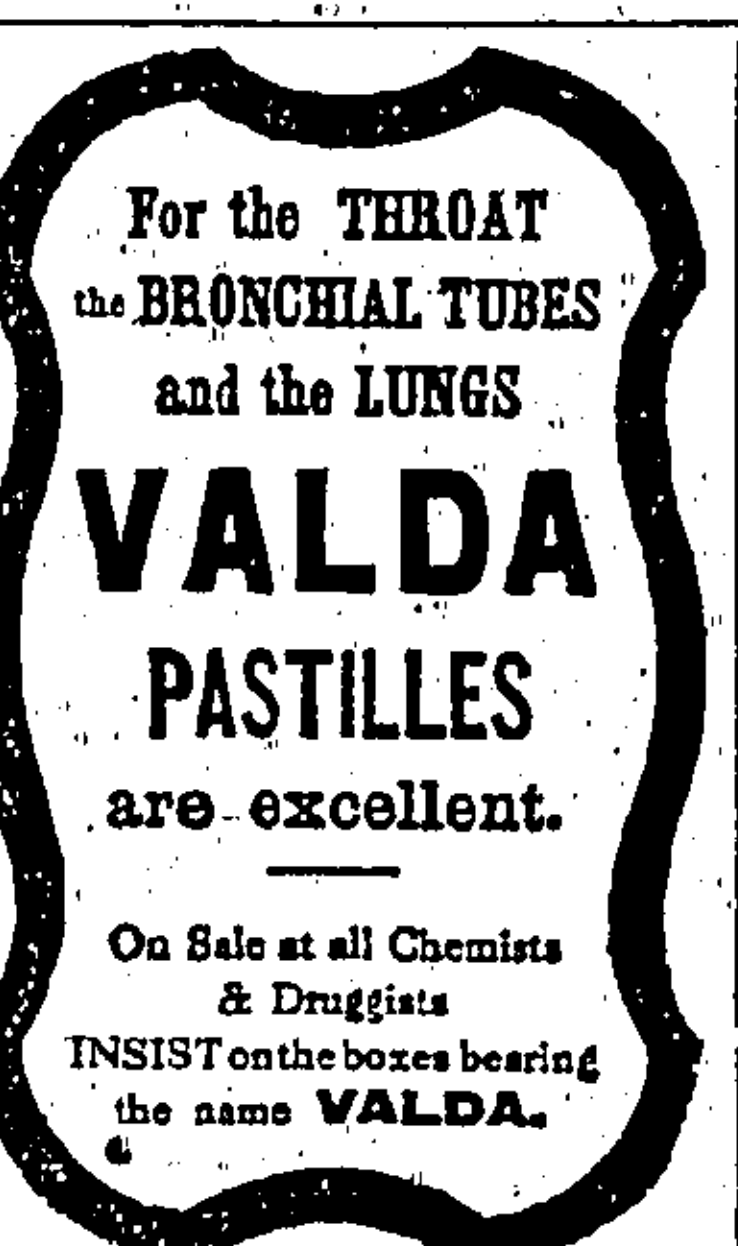
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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Business done in the Hong Kong market on Saturday in rice, sugar and foodstuffs included the following transactions:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Flower Vessel, White Long Rice, 501 bags	\$6.75
Green Flower Vessel, White Long Rice, 501 bags	6.96
Green Horse, White Long Rice, 504 bags	7.80
Green Flower Vessel, White Siam Rice, 340 bags	6.80
Black Seal Pure White Long Rice, 340 bags	5.40
Red Seal White Brand, 117 bags	4.42
Ding Hung White Long Rice, 300 bags	7.03
Green Ling White Siam Rice, 72 bags	6.55
White Glutinous Rice, 55 bags	6.98
No. 3 White Broken Rice, 55 bags	5.24
Three Stars No. 1 White Long Rice, 640 bags	7.03
Red Seal White Glutinous Rice, 211 bags	7.00
New Glutinous Rice, 100 bag	6.72
Red Seal White Brewer Rice, 100 bags	6.60
Green Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 118 bags	6.50
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 15 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	\$6.75
No. 15 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	6.78
No. 15 coarse powdered sugar, 400 bags	6.50
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	7.43
No. 20 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	6.68
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	7.38
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	7.53
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	7.38
No. 20 coarse powdered sugar, 108 bags	6.35
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 1,000 bags	7.33
Miscellaneous.	
Wood Oil, 600 cans at \$31.00 per can.	
Red Melon Seeds, 30 bags at \$27.00 per bag.	
Black Beans, 60 bags at \$6.90 per bag.	
Yellow Beans, 50 bags at \$6.60 per bag.	

CANTON COTTON YARN MARKET.

A message received by the Canton dealers from Shanghai states that No. 20 yarns have dropped one tael per bale.

The condition of the Canton cotton yarn market, on Saturday last was very dull, and owing to the news from Shanghai No. 20's fell by one or two dollars per bale, but without attracting buyers.

Quotations on Saturday at Canton included the following:—

	Per Bale.
No. 42 Five Sons	\$52.50
Fui Hee	51.8
Butterfly	52.4
No. 32 Pine Deer	46.6
Po Tap	45.7
Tin Koon	46.0
Double Horse	45.2
No. 20 City of Gold	33.7
Globe	33.3
Gold Harvest	32.1
Double Horse	31.9
Double Dragon	32.5
Tramcar	31.4
Shepherd	31.3
Three Stars	31.4
No. 10 Globe	30.5
Fui Kwai	30.1
No. 12 City of Gold	29.0
Peacock	28.9
Tramcar	27.5
Aeroplane	27.8
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	26.8
City of Gold	26.4
Peacock	26.6
Lotus Bee	25.5
No. 6 Lion	21.8
Lion No. 2	108

CANTON SHARE MARKET.

Share business in Canton was quiet last week; buyers were few, and very little business was done.

Electric Powers have been dealt in at the normal price of \$5, and Hankow and Canton Railway changed hands at \$0.49 early in the week, but subsequently dropped back to \$0.46 without buyers.

China Merchants' Steamships are still steady at \$8.40. Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Company have declined to \$3.60 from \$4.35, and Central Banks stood firm at \$8.40. Canton Tramways have fluctuated between \$1.90 and \$1.60 with ready buyers. Sun Company shares keep firm at \$6.40, and Waterworks have changed hands at \$3.20. Sincere Company sold at \$3.20 with ready buyers.

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Business done on Saturday in Canton in rice, sugar and flour included the following:—

Native Rice.	Per Picul.
Chai Mai rice	\$11.20
Pak Kan Yuk rice	8.49
Sui Mui Native rice	10.10
Wai Tin White Glutinous rice	10.25
Annam And Siam Rice.	
Red Double Sword	\$9.85
Green Flower Pot rice	9.90
Red Seal Annam rice	9.60
Green Cannon white rice	9.32
Green Elephant Siam rice	9.85
Red Wo Fung Siam rice	9.60
Blue Seal White Brewer rice	6.82
Red Seal White Brewer rice	6.72
Green Seal White Brewer rice	6.68
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered sugar	7.50
3 Do.	7.50
20 Do.	7.60
1 Granulated sugar	9.40
1 Fine Granulated sugar	10.11
Refine sugar	8.80
Flour.	Per Bag.
Man of War	\$4.05
Silver Seal	4.15
Banana	4.10
Cheung Luk	4.15
Maize	3.95
Sword of Kwantai	4.35
Cannon	4.75
White Cabbage	4.45
Dalton	4.30
Dog's Head	4.90

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CANTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	December 15th.	Per Can.
New Daybreak	7.30	
New Sheung Hi	7.30	
New Eagle	7.25	
New Hang Fuk	7.20	
New Balance	7.45	
New Star	7.65	

CHEMICAL FERTILIZER.

There is no competition in the fertilizer business between Japanese, British and American interests. Chemical fertilizer imported into Hong Kong is chiefly re-exported to Amoy, Swatow and Canton. Japanese sulphate of ammonia is in good demand, the volume of business done yearly in the Colony totalling over one million piculs. British products also bulk largely in this trade, and are chiefly imported through Brunner Mond. American nitrate is also now in the market, and although not selling very largely is expected to develop considerably in the near future.

A representative of the Daily Press who interviewed a Chinese merchant, was told that owing to the anti-Japanese boycott, sales of Japanese sulphate have rapidly fallen, and quotations also show a sharp drop. Japanese fertilizer was formerly quoted at \$13, but present quotations stand at \$9.60. Quotations for British fertilizer are about \$7.50, and \$6.60 for American nitrate—both quotations having dropped by about \$2 a picul.

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE.

DIVIDEND DECLARED.

According to a telegram received from the Head Office in Paris of the Banque Franco-Chinoise the financial year 1927-1928 of the Bank shows a profit of francs 38,240,000. A dividend of 8 per cent. has been declared, and francs 3,170,000 carried forward.

GERMAN SUGAR DUTY INCREASED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, December 14th.

The Reichstag has adopted a Bill for increasing the sugar duty to 25 marks per two hundred weight, which will be annulled when the price on the Magdeburg Bourse exceeds 21 marks per hundredweight.

The object of the Bill is stated to be to make foreign producers more amenable to negotiations under the Sugar Convention.

A later wire of December 16th states that the duty is to become operative on December 18th.

CUBAN SUGAR.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, December 14th.

A message from Havana states that the Minister of Agriculture estimates the Cuban sugar crop at 4,350,000 bags, 500,000 of which are expected to be shipped in January.

HONG KONG IMPORTS.

MORE INQUIRY FOR PIECE GOODS.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report issued by the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce on Saturday states:

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—The following reports have been received:—

There has been more enquiry for cotton piece goods, and sales have been made of twills, warp satins and poplins, but the quantities booked are small compared with last season's purchases. Only very slight fluctuations have occurred in the price of the raw material since the last report, which stands round about the same figure.

The market is very quiet. A small trade is being done in standard qualities of white shirtings, but firmness of Manchester prices and weak exchange check business.

Woolens.—Enquiry is broadening, but offers are anywhere from 10 to 15 per cent. only. Some business has been done in Indigo serge, wool venetians, and blankets. Dealers persist in the belief that prices are 10 per cent. cheaper than during last season, whereas the fact is that, although slightly lower prices are obtainable in certain lines, woollen goods in general are just as dear, if not dearer than they were last year and the Bradford market is hardening.

Cotton Yarn.—Since our last report, market has ruled very quiet, and no business of importance has taken place.

Nominal quotations are as follows:—No. 10s at \$170 to \$190. No. 12s at \$180 to \$195. No. 13s at \$195 to \$200. No. 20s at \$200 to \$210. Arrivals 50 bales, shipments nil, sales nil, unsold stock 500 bales, bargains 5,100 bales.

RAW COTTON.—Nothing doing.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rates, Dec. 15th.

Paris	124.145
Brussels	34.89
Amsterdam	12.072
Berlin	30.355
Copenhagen	18.18
Vienna	34.475
Helsingfors	1922
London	1112
Bucharest	5072
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Shanghai	2/7
Yokohama	1/102
New York	4.93 3/16
Geneva	23.19
Milan	92.65
Stockholm	15.145
Oslo	15.195
Prague	1632
Madrid	20.985
Athens	375
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/6 1/32
Hong Kong	2/04
Silver (spot)	262
Silver (forward)	263

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 15th, 1928.

R.K. Banks	\$1.322 1/2 nom.
Do.	\$1.322 1/2 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$252 buy.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$234 nom.
Do.	\$214 1/2 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$284 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$324 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$375 sel.
Union Insurance	\$359 buy.
North China Ins.	\$14.160 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$3.450 nom.
China Underwriters	\$3.45 sel.
China Fire Insurance	\$350 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$780 sel.
Douglas	\$334 nom.
H.K. Steamboat	\$29 buy.
H.K. Tug	\$1.40 sel.
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$48 buy.
Do.	\$724 buy.
Shanghai Loans	\$175 nom.
Union Waterworks	\$224 buy.
Benguet	\$34 nom.
Kailan Mining Admin.	\$73 buy.
Langkate (combined)	\$11 nom.
Do. (single)	\$16.54 nom.
S'hai. Explorations	\$12.255 buy.
Do.	\$250 sel.
Shanghai Loans	\$14.3 buy.
Bank of China	\$175 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$135 sel.
H.K. & W. Dock	\$37 nom.
China Providents	\$4.90 buy, 5 sel.
Hongkong	\$166 buy.
New Engineering	\$14.50 nom.
Shanghai Docks	\$14.104 sel.
Ewo Cotton	\$13.40 nom.
Oriental Cotton	\$14.24 sel.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	\$16.64 buy.
Do. (new)	\$16.33 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$9.15 buy, 8.20; sa.
H.K. Lands	\$84 buy, 65 sel.
Shanghai Lands	\$160 buy.
Humphreys Estates	\$15 sel.
E.K. Realities	\$83 sel.
E.K. Tramways	\$19.00 buy, 19; sa.
Peak Trans (old)	\$13 sel.
Do. (new)	\$4.30 nom.
Star Ferries	\$89 buy, 69.75/70 sa.
China Lights (old)	\$12 sel.
Do. (new)	\$12.15 sel.
Do. (1928 lease)	\$12.05 sel.
H.K. Electric (old)	\$524 buy.
Do. (new)	\$504 buy.
Macao Electric	\$424 buy.
Telephone (old)	\$5.80 buy.
Do. (new)	\$54 buy.
China Bus	\$14.10 buy.
Singapore Tramways	\$12 nom.
Do. (Prof.)	\$13.0 buy, 13/8 sel.
China Sugars	\$90 cts. nom.
Malayan Sugars	\$224 buy.
Canton Ins.	\$324 nom.
Cement (combined)	\$9.35 sel, 9.40/9.50 sa.
Do. (old)	\$7.50 nom.
Do. (new)	\$14 sel.

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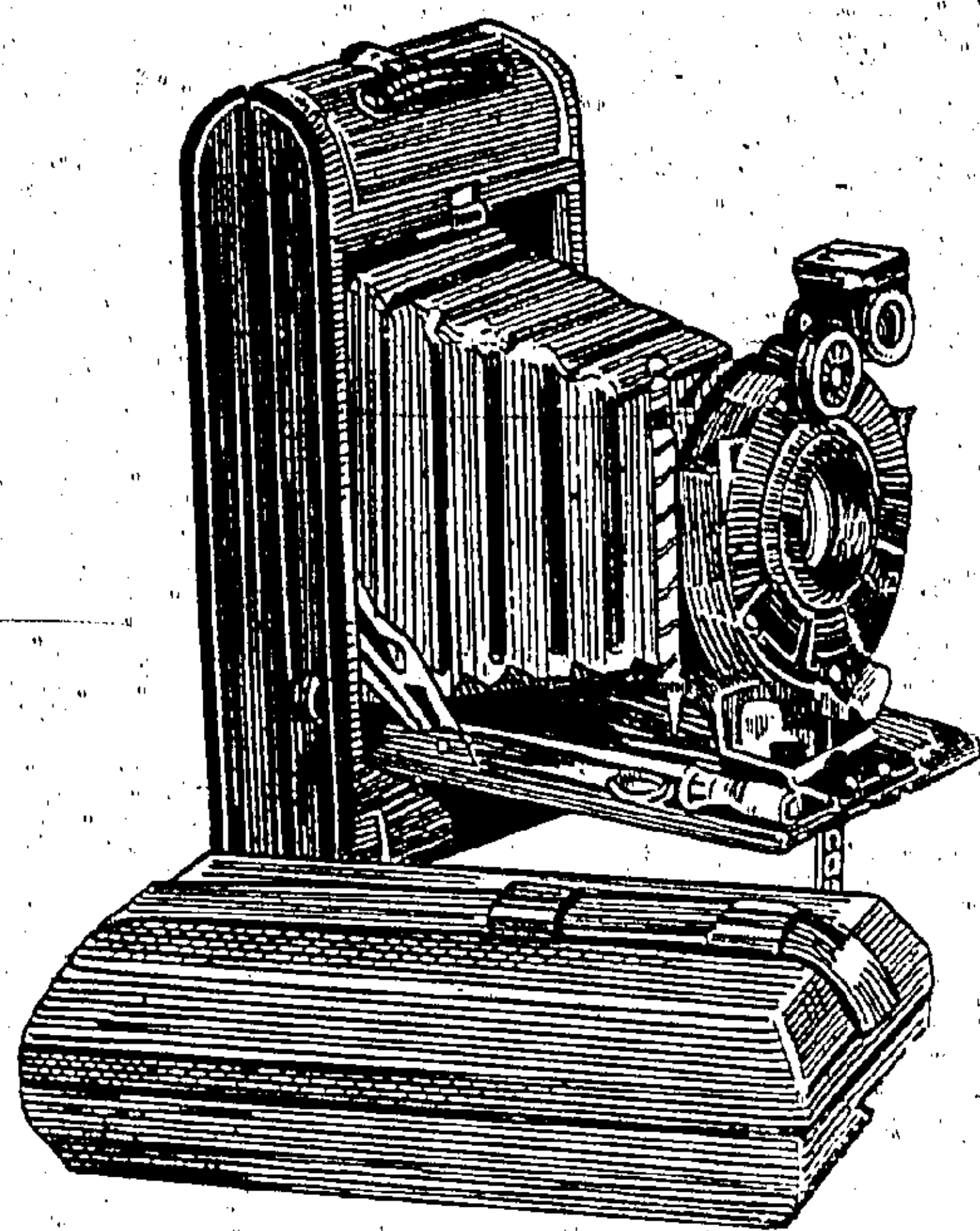


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11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press. Demonstration Programme. Chinese and European Programme.

1.45 p.m.—Weather Reports

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Columbia Records).

"Liebestraum"
Organ Solo by Pattman.

"King's Serenade"
"Song of the Islands"
Hooper's Novelty Trio.

"So Long"
"Rosette"
Eddie Thomas' Collegians.

"For My Baby"
"The Man I Love"
Hotel Astor Orchestra.

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"Dr. McGregor"
"The Engineer"
Will Fyfe. Comedian.

"Adagio"
"Arioso"
Cello Solo by Antoni Sala.

"Praeludium"
"Scottish Fantasia"
Squire Celeste Octet.

"Poet and Peasant"—Overture—
Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Wildflower"
(a) April Blossoms
(b) "Bambalina"
Duet, Kitty Reidy and Howard Worster.

"Minuet"
"Les Millions D'Argentine"
Serenade
B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orch.

"Betty in Mayfair"—Selections
Adelphi Theatre Orchestra.

10 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press.

"Cavalleria Rusticana"
(a) "Thou Hest, Santuzza"
(b) "No, No, Turiddu"
Duet by Lombardi and Merli.

"Dunkie Trio"
(a) Allegro
(b) Lento Maestoso
(c) Vivace
Squire Instrumental Trio.

"Messiah"
(a) Behold the Lamb of God
(b) And the Glory of the Lord
Handel Festival Choir.

"Le Variazioni Di Proch"
"The Magic Flute"
Gli Angeli D'Inferno
A. M. Guglielmetti. Soprano.

"The Valkyrie"
Ride of the Valkyries
Beyruth Festival Orch.

"Largo"
"Danzas Espanolas No. 5"
Cello Solo by Gaspar Cassado.
God Save The King.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

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The facade of the building is something fresh in London architecture. It is a conventionalised copy of the Temple of Bubastis, the cat-headed goddess of Ancient Egypt. Two gigantic bronze cats flank the entrance, and tall pillars rise against the face of the building. The winged solar disc, emblem of Ra the Sun God, the mellow of tobacco, is set over all.

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UNCLAIMED CORRESPONDENCE, ETC., AT THE G.P.O.

THE OFFICIAL LIST FOR SATURDAY.

A General Post Office notification, issued on Saturday, gives the following particulars with regard to unclaimed correspondence, etc., waiting at the Post Office, and also unclaimed radio telegrams at the Radio Telegraph Office:

Poste Restante Correspondence.

R. Allix, S. Allen (Chief Stoker).

Dr. C. Barreda, R. T. Boffa, A. P. Blunt, Balcombe & Co., L. Bander, W. N. Brewster, Miss Brown (c/o Mr. Brown), E. J. Carmichael, Mrs. Elliott (General Chinese Hospital), W. E. Ford, H. Feilmann, K. Fukumoto, Admiral Sir Guy and Lady Gaunt, Jack Grant, Mrs. M. Griffiths, A. Galecki (c/o Mathias & Co.), J. A. Haynes, C. Hyman, B. Horwood, Dr. G. W. Hollings, A. O. Hyland, T. Jolokony, H. Kadlec, V. K. W. Koo, H. S. Lam, V. Magtulis, E. C. McI. chell, Miss Florence Pike, H. R. Roberts (s.s. Quercus), E. W. Railton, Sita Ram Rao, Capt. J. Y. Reed (s.s. Sunpath), Jim Summer-

ville (s.s. Saragosa), Jackie Scott, R. Seaman (China Inland Mission), W. D. Smith, Miss J. A. Shermernhorn, F. Starr, Miss A. Smedley, Mrs. B. Tobin, R. Wallace, G. M. Walker, F. Wymann, Miss N. Zahn.

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FAMILIES LEAVE THEIR HOMES.

PETROL TANKS MENACED BY TIMBER BLAZE.

Hundreds of families left their homes when a disastrous fire broke out in a timber stack, and spread to "Mayes" timber yard on the Surrey Canal bank between Peckham Park-road and Old Kent-road, S.E.

Gusts of wind fanned the flames, which spread in all directions, threatening surrounding property. All the motor-omnibuses in the L.G.O.C. garage on the opposite bank of the canal were removed to neighbouring streets, and special precautions were taken to safeguard tanks containing thousands of gallons of petrol. Horses were removed from the stables of nearby factories. Stacks of timber were transferred to barges drawn up to the canal bank.

Fire-engines were massed on the bank of the canal, and the hoses were carried across on a timber-laden barge.

A number of firemen were overcome by the fumes, and three were injured by falling timbers. Many of them were working close to a high chimney stack which threatened to collapse at any moment.

More than 140 firemen were engaged on the outbreak.

Passengers travelling to Waterloo by the Southern Railway saw the glow and smoke nearly six miles away.

LINER STEWARD ARRESTED.

DIAMOND SMUGGLING CHARGE.

New York, Nov. 19th.
William Ballyn, chief steward in the *Berengaria*, has been taken into custody after allegations by members of the Government diamond detective squad that they found in his cabin packets of diamonds said to be worth thousands of pounds. The diamond squad also arrested John T. McIntyre, a traffic constable on duty outside the Cunard pier in Fourteenth-street.

It is stated that the action against McIntyre was taken after a statement by Ballyn. The diamond squad are understood to have been watching large passenger liners for a considerable time, believing that diamonds were being smuggled from one of them.

Morris Landau, a jeweller, of John-street, and his daughter, Frances Landau, aged twenty, were arrested later in the day in connection with the affair.

Ballyn was arraigned this afternoon before United States Commissioner Cotter, and was held to bail in \$1,000 on a charge of conspiracy.

Sixty members "of the" squad searched the *Berengaria* from stern to stern, even entering the cabin of her commander, Sir Arthur Rostron.

Ballyn was kept at the Custom house until released on bail. He is known to thousands of Transatlantic travellers as the "singing steward." He has a beautiful baritone voice and always sings at the *Berengaria's* sea concerts. He trained forty-five members of the *Berengaria's* crew, who are famous as the Atlantic's finest choir. Ballyn has sung on public platforms with Terrazini and McCormack, and also in leading churches.

Many photographs in his cabin were given to him by notable *Berengaria* passengers, including the Prince of Wales, Sir Harry Lauder, and Mayor Walker.

McIntyre is popularly known to travellers as "Mac." He has been a constable for twenty years. Mr. W. B. Leeds, the multi-millionaire, gave him and his wife a free trip to Europe a year ago for his many courtesies.

"THWARTED LOVE" DRAMA. MURDER CHARGE AGAINST YOUTH OF TWENTY-ONE.

"The case is a poignant drama of thwarted affection," said Mr. Digby Seymour, prosecuting at Liverpool Police Court, when Joseph Reginald Clark, aged twenty-one, a ship's pantryman, was accused of murdering Mrs. Alice Fontaine, aged fifty-five, a widow, by strangling her, and attempting to murder her daughter, Miss Mary Fontaine, aged nineteen, at their home in Northbrook Street. Mr. Seymour said that the allegation against Clark was that he wreaked his vengeance on the mother, who had not favoured his suit, and attempted the life of her daughter. Clark was believed to have been educated at Princeton University, U.S.A., where his parents lived. He met Miss Fontaine in May this year while sheltering in a doorway, and introduced himself as Reginald Kennedy. He came to their house, and induced them to let him live there and to use one of the rooms for the manufacture of wireless sets.

Clark's acquaintance with Miss Fontaine ripened into love. He called her "Booie," and she and her mother called him "Teddy Bear." Miss Fontaine then found that he was corresponding with a young woman in America who expected to marry him.

The hearing was adjourned.

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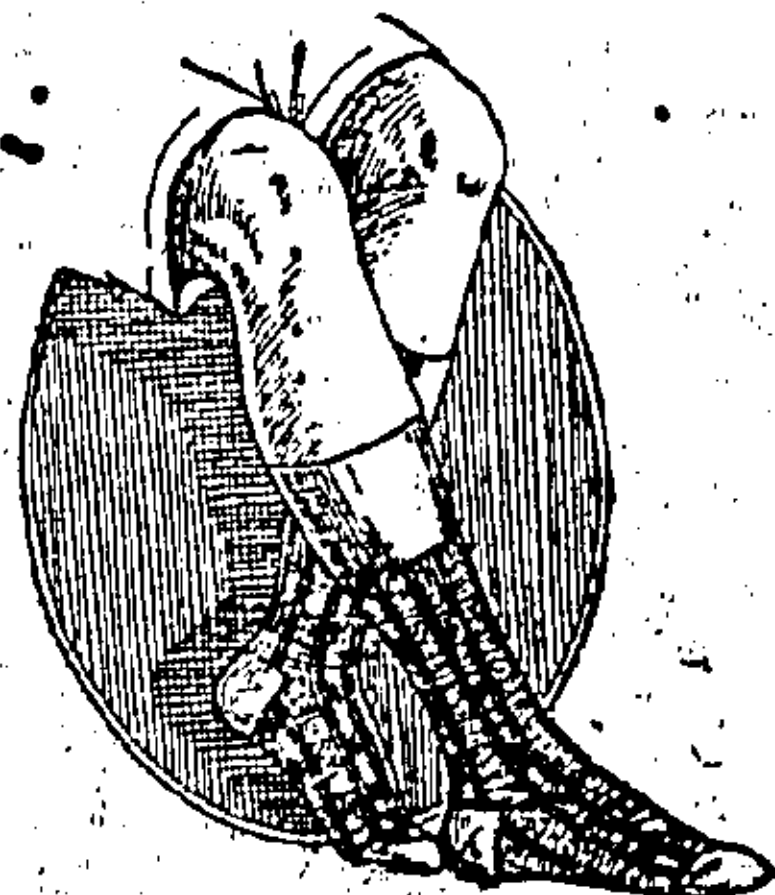
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OPENING OF SPORTS CLUB.

The first fruit of the seed sowed by H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., blossomed on Saturday when the Sports Club was formally opened by H.E. The Officer Administering the Government (The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.). The aims of the Club are to provide a common meeting-ground for Chinese and foreigners, a place where they can meet and discuss matters not in a formal manner, but in a truly social atmosphere.

The membership of the Club includes Chinese and foreigners. It is practically a concord club, where members of all nationalities can foster that friendly spirit which Sir Cecil Clementi so much desired to see in the community. As the Hon. Mr. Southern said in declaring the Club open, it will help to break down the barriers whereby the different races segregate themselves into watertight compartments. "If we are to achieve that harmony without which the fullest enjoyment of life is impossible, we must get to know one another better, and we must be able to find out and to appreciate one another's points of view."

The opening ceremony of the Sports Club (which is situated in King's Building) was performed by H.E. The Officer Administering the Government (The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) at noon on Saturday. His Excellency arrived with his aide-de-camp, Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, and was met at the door by Mr. Ho Leung, Vice-Chairman of the Club.

In the presence of over a hundred members and friends, the door of the Club was opened with a gold replica of the Yale key with which the Club house is fitted.

In his speech of welcome, Mr. Ho Leung said:

Your Excellency and Gentlemen,—In the absence on leave of Mr. H. P. White, the chairman of the Club, it becomes my very pleasant duty as vice-chairman to welcome you all to the premises of the Sports Club. In so doing, I must, on behalf of the committee and members, express our sincere appreciation of the encouraging send-off given to the Club by your Excellency's presence, and by your kindness in officiating at this opening ceremony.

What The Club Stands For.

The object of the Club, as you all know, is to have a common meeting place where Chinese and non-Chinese are able to get together, not in a stiff official manner, but in a truly friendly and sometimes argumentative spirit. Where one can drop in casually and yarn with one's fellow-members without any formality of appointment, and this free and easy style must foster the truly friendly spirit we so much want to see. The Club devoted to sporting matters immediately introduces a common topic of discussion, and no matter what nationality member may be, he will, I have no doubt, be bound at times to want to air his views on what will win the Derby or who will win the Test Match. Therefore, Gentlemen, we have several ready-made topics of discussion instead of having to sit down in a nervous manner on the extreme edge of a chair and attempt to make conversation regarding what the weather is likely to be, but so as the name of this Club should not be misunderstood, I want to explain what is exactly meant by the Sports Club.

Even Sporting Girls!

Every member of this Club will be known as a sport. Of course, the word sport is used in many ways. The expression is used in connection with sporting dogs, phrases, girls, and similar sporting phrases, but the idea meant by the word sport in this Club's name is "He took his defeat like a sportsman." That is the sporting feeling that must rule in this Club. The Chinese name of the Club is Wu Ling Hui. Hui means Club, and Wu is for the benefit of the non-Chinese members who have not yet arrived at the necessary proficiency in saying that awful word of two letters, namely, "Ng." Even if we could all say this word in other parts of the world, I am sure, would have difficulty; therefore, it was decided to change it for the Mandarin pronunciation of Wu which means the same thing as Ng, namely Five.

Lasting Friendship

Many, many years ago, I believe even before very much was known about England, there was a certain part of China known as Wu Ling.

In this district every man was a cavalier, every man had the true sporting spirit, and every man was kind to his neighbour and treated all men equally. Consequently as time went on people all over China wanted to be known as Wu Ling men. No higher compliment could be paid. I am indebted to certain members for this interesting information regarding ancient Chinese history, but I think you will agree that it is a happy thought to take this name as the Chinese equivalent of the Sports Club and thus indicate exactly what we want to be understood when we call this Club the Sports Club.

I trust that the Sports Club will be the means of establishing true and lasting friendship between the Chinese and non-Chinese residents of the Colony.

I must conclude by again thanking His Excellency for his kindness in officiating to-day, and would ask you to give three cheers.

An International Club.

Addressing the gathering, the Hon. Mr. Southern said:—

Mr. Ho Leung and Gentlemen,—I thank you for the warm welcome you have given me on this occasion of the formal opening of the Sports Club. The idea of an International Club, where men and later on, I

hope, women of all communities can meet on common ground as fellow members of the same Club, is one in which Sir Cecil Clementi took a very great interest and for that reason I much regret that he could not be here to-day to see the first fruits of the seed he himself sowed.

Now, Gentlemen, I sympathise fully with those who feel that they are entitled to have their own national clubs where, far distant from their own homes, they can reproduce something of the atmosphere of their native lands; but I sympathise equally or even more with those who feel that we must break down the barriers whereby the different races segregate themselves into separate watertight compartments. We are but a small community living in a somewhat restricted area, and if we are to achieve that harmony without which the fullest enjoyment of life is impossible, we must get to know one another better, and we must be able to find out and to appreciate one another's points of view.

The Sport Of Kings.

In this respect I feel that there has in the past been something lacking in the life of Hong Kong. It has been very difficult to find a common meeting ground, and I congratulate the originators of this Club on the pioneer work which this Club represents. The varied forms of sport in which all communities take part and in which the Chinese have shown themselves so remarkably proficient do form a common bond which can best lead to deeper knowledge and closer friendship; and so I think the promoters have rightly looked to the sporting spirit in its best sense to provide the cement which will keep the centrifugal elements of the Club together. I rejoice to see that the promoters have already broadened the foundations of the Club by including within its purview sports other than The Sport of Kings. Racing has after all but a limited clientele in Hong Kong, and we want something wider than that.

We want this to be a Club which all sportsmen may wish to join—where their sports be racing or golf or tennis or cricket or football, and I am not sure that we ought to exclude even spillikins, provided the game be played in the true sporting spirit, and I hope that, as has been suggested to me, there may spring from this Club that wider and still more useful scheme of an International Garden Club, where the different communities, both men and women, may find room not only to discuss but also to play their games together, for I know nothing which will do more to bring the different races of this cosmopolitan colony closer together than the opportunity of meeting together in the friendly rivalry of sport.

A Game Of Spillikins.

After drinking to the success of the Club, His Excellency played a game of spillikins with the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, in which the latter was badly defeated by His Excellency.

Among those present were the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), and Mr. A. Morris (Headmaster of King's College).

MATSHED BLAZE AT KOWLOON TONG.

LITTLE BOY'S SAD DEATH.

Residents of Kowloon who were returning home on Saturday night at 11.15 p.m. by the Star Ferry were interested in a huge blaze which lit the skies over the Peninsula. Throughout the ten-minute journey to Kowloon the blaze showed no signs of abating, and some passengers began to feel alarmed as to what had happened. Many people gathered at the bows of the ferry-boat watching the sparks leap into the skies.

The fire was at a huge matshed in the centre of the native village at Kowloon Tong—between the Police Training School and the railway bridge. Fire engines from Tsim Tsa Tsui and Mongkok were rushed to the scene, but little could be done, as only a rough cattle track led to the village, which is more than half a mile from the main road (Prince Edward Road). However, the two fire appliances went as far as they could, and then the firemen rushed to the scene "unarmed"—for no hose was long enough to reach the village, nor was there any available hydrant. A small well near the village was the only source of water supply; and the women folk of the village who knew the small pathways were the only persons who could help carry water to the firemen.

Assisted by a strong breeze, the fire spread rapidly, but thanks to the instructions of the police and fire officers who arrived within a short time of the alarm, the other huts of the village—not more than a few yards apart—were saved by soaking the roofs with water from the well.

One Chinese woman was mourning bitterly the loss of her little boy—aged 8—who had run back into the matshed to get some trifling little possession. He never returned, and at 2.30 a.m., when the fire had burnt itself out and only a few sticks of the matshed remained, the child's body was found. The remains were taken to the Kowloon Mortuary.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but the building appears to have been a farm-house owned by some of the villagers, and perhaps, represented all their worldly possessions.

Throughout the two and a half hours the matshed blazed furiously, as nothing could be done but protect the surrounding huts. The alarm was first rung through to the Fire Department by Sub-Inspector Dick, of the Mongkok Police Station, and who was present throughout the night helping the firemen in their work.

Fire At Shamshuiipo.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade were also called out to a small fire at a knitting factory at No. 148, Nam Cheung Street, Shamshuiipo, at 7 p.m. on Saturday night, but the factory workers had put out the fire before their arrival. The fire started among some papers at the rear of the factory.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

WEEKLY VACCINATION RETURN.

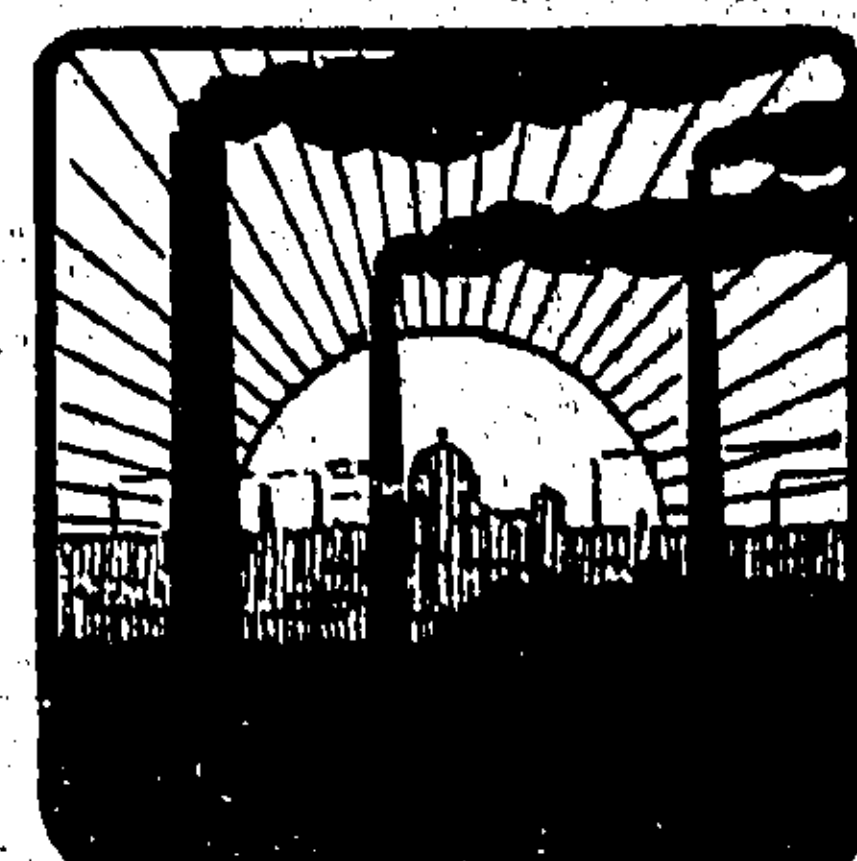
The number of Chinese vaccinated—free of charge—by members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Friday, December 14th, is:—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	9,929
King's College Division	11,146
Railway Division	1,705
Indian Division	1,105
Kowloon Division	35,299
Mongkok Division	22,162
Shamshuiipo Division	4,987
Un Long	534
St. Joseph's College Division	3,346
Victoria Nursing Division	225
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division	90,127

These figures represent the number of persons vaccinated by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade during the present campaign, which commenced on December 3rd. Vaccination has been conducted by the Brigade during epidemics for the last 12 years. During 1927 the numbers totalled 100,633.

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ANTI-FOREIGNISM MUST GO.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 16th.

Speaking recently before the several hundred leaders and officials of the Canton City Kuomintang at their Headquarters on the subject "The Kuomintang and Diplomacy," Dr. Chao Hsin Chu, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Kwangtung Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, briefly outlined the foreign policy of the Nationalist Government. The address was given in response to the request of the Municipal Kuomintang and was of considerable importance. It throws light on China's diplomacy in recent years, showing how the minds of the people have changed in their attitude towards the foreigners. Part of the address was as follows:—

"I am happy to be able to be with you this afternoon and to discuss with you our problems of diplomacy. The subject which I am going to dwell upon is 'The Kuomintang and Diplomacy.' I think you all know that the two salient points of the foreign policy of the Kuomintang are to recover our lost sovereignty and secondly to raise our international status to absolute equality in the family of nations through revision of the old, obsolete, and inapplicable treaties. This was persistently advocated by the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen."

OLD TIME CONTEMPT AND FEAR.

"Prior to the days of Emperor Chia Lung, China lived in seclusion. Very few Westerners had then made their appearance in China. At that time the people unfortunately looked upon foreigners with contempt, branding them as barbarians. But after the Opium War their contempt for the foreigners turned into fear and apprehension which later gave way to anti-foreign feeling, culminating in the Boxer Uprising of 1900. After that ghastly episode the people gradually began to study international affairs with a view to discovering the foreigners' way of thinking. But owing to the weakness of the country it was very difficult to carry on diplomacy smoothly. Moreover, the Powers were assuming an aggressive and dominating attitude toward China. It was on account of these things that the Chinese people were impelled to rouse themselves from their lethargic sleep and take cognizance of the existing state of world affairs."

POPULAR INTEREST IN POLITICS.

"Coming up to the present time we find that the knowledge possessed by the people is growing day by day. Their spirit is becoming firmer and more resolute and their organized opinion and influence are being more and more felt. The foreign nations regard this wonderful awakening of the Chinese people with profound respect and admiration and are accordingly modifying their attitude toward us. What we should all do now is to strive to cultivate and maintain the cordial relations with foreign nations. The past mistakes of anti-foreignism must be done away with."

"When the Sino-Belgian Treaty expired, China insisted upon its abrogation as a matter of course, for it was unilateral. This step on the part of China drew the world's attention to her determined struggle for absolute political independence and territorial integrity. At that time I was in Geneva acting as China's chief delegate to the League of Nations there."

"The Permanent Court of International Justice requested China to respond to Belgium's appeal and give the case a hearing, to which she made no reply. I then declared in Geneva that inasmuch as the case involved the sovereignty of my country, the matter could not under any circumstances be submitted to any foreign court for decision. To do so would be tantamount to an infringement upon our national sovereignty."

"Revision of the old treaties had been persistently advocated by Dr. Sun decades ago. But because he was so far ahead of his time, he was unable to convince the ruling classes, although not a few people sympathized with him. Whether it was satisfied with the status quo or otherwise, the decadent Peking Government never took these things into consideration."

"But we have reached the turning point in diplomacy. The people are exerting their rights and power. The lofty principles so long preached by the late Dr. Sun are now being gradually brought to fruition."

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HALL.

CHEF OF THE "EMPRESS OF RUSSIA."

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The death took place at 9 o'clock on Saturday night from double pneumonia of Mr. George Hall who was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital early in the week. He was 53 years old.

Mr. Hall was the Chef on the s.s. *Empress of Russia* and he had held that position on the Pacific Service of the "Empress" boats for ten years with much satisfaction to his employers. He had also many friends in Hong Kong among whom he was extremely popular. Deceased leaves a widow and grown-up family in Vancouver to whom much sympathy will be extended.

Many members of the staff of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., ship's personnel of the s.s. *Empress of Russia*, and friends were present at the funeral yesterday afternoon at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley. The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, of the Missions to Seamen, conducted the service. Among those who attended were Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R., officers, stewards and crew of the s.s. *Empress of Russia*, Capt. A. W. Davidson, Mr. T. C. Monaghan, Mr. R. H. Short, Mr. J. S. Landolt, Mr. J. McKenzie and Mr. A. W. Grimmit.

Wreaths, among others, were sent by Capt. Hosken, Engineer Officers, Deck Officers, and Deck Petty Officers of the *Empress of Russia*, Mr. A. Crowson (Chief Steward), Steamer Depot, Catering Department, Captain Davidson (Marine Superintendent), Mr. T. C. Monaghan, Mr. R. H. Short, C.P.R. staff, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beattie, Messrs. C. Hall and W. S. Cuff, J. Beattie and R. J. Everest, H. Auchinleck, Ng Kwai Lin (No. 1 saloon), and Wing Kee & Co. (Stevedores).

GENERAL CHEN MING SHU.

INDUCTION DAY PUT FORWARD.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 16th.

General Chen Ming Shu, Chairman-elect of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, has again changed the date for taking the oath of office from the 22nd to the 10th of this month.

According to information from his subordinates, there is no reason why the Chairman-elect should not be inducted a few days earlier, as every arrangement will be made by that time. The inaugural ceremony will be held at noon on the day in Government House.

At the request of General Chen, the offices of the Canton Branch Political Council are preparing to move out and occupy the former British Consulate in Wai Oi Road.

GENERAL WONG SHU HUNG.

General Wong Shu Hung is still in Canton. It is not known when he will go back to Kwangsi. But according to his followers he will return to his native province before the end of this year in order to attend the Kwangsi Reconstruction Conference which will open on January 1st.

and China is well on the road to the recovery of its lost sovereignty. Although there are still difficulties as regards the Sino-Japanese negotiations in the way of an amicable settlement of the questions outstanding. Yet I think that in time Japan will acquiesce in the just claims of China.

CHINA AND THE LEAGUE.

"Based upon Article 19 of the Covenant of the League of Nations, I introduced a resolution to the Assembly of the League stating that when a treaty between two nations had become obsolete and inapplicable, it should be revised and brought up-to-date on the basis of justice and equality. This was in the year 1923 when I was China's chief delegate to the League. After some discussion my resolution was unanimously adopted thus setting up the first sanction in that greatest International Body for all the subsequent treaty revisions which have been made since then."

"Dr. C. T. Wang, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government, has been and is doing commendable work in treaty revision with the different nations. What has been done in this direction has been published and you here undoubtedly read it in the newspapers."

As to the foreign affairs of Kwangtung, there is absolutely no difficulty whatever. Everything is proceeding smoothly as far as foreign relations are concerned. Although this is a semi-provincial matter yet it can contribute largely to the national diplomacy."

"BLACK MAGIC."

COOLIE WOMEN WHO STOLE AN ELECTRIC MOTOR.

THEFT THE CAUSE OF DAUGHTER'S ILLNESS.

Two Chinese coolie women were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday morning with stealing a 3 h.p. electric motor from a shop at No. 147, Nam Cheung Street, Kowloon, the property of the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., while Mr. Hin Shing Lo appeared on behalf of the two defendants. One of the defendants was also charged with receiving.

The facts of the case, as presented to the Court, were exceedingly curious. It appears that an electrician at No. 149, Nam Cheung Street, owed some money to one of the defendants. Her brother told her that the shop had gone into bankruptcy, so she went to get what she could. Arriving there she found nobody in the shop, and calling her friend she helped herself to a rusty old motor which was lying in the shop. The two women carried the motor to their home, and later in the day the motor was transferred to a hut in Kowloon City.

Next day a daughter of one of the defendants, living in the hut, became ill and the defendant, thinking that the stolen motor had some "black magic" power decided to get rid of the ill-gotten goods. A hole was dug and the motor given a burial.

Later, when the police traced the stolen motor to the defendants, they were only too pleased to tell where they had buried it.

The Magistrate, however, took a serious view of the case, and imposed a fine of \$25 or three weeks' hard labour on the woman who had stolen the motor, and \$50 or one month's hard labour on the second defendant who helped carry it away and hide it.

FORGED BANK NOTES.

ONE CHINESE DISCHARGED.

One of the twelve Chinese who appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsey at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning in connection with the recent discovery of a quantity of forged \$50 banknotes of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (1923 issue), was discharged on the application of Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, who is in charge of the prosecution for the Crown.

A further application for the dismissal of the charges against five other defendants was made by Messrs. Losely and Grist. Mr. Fitzroy, however, opposed this, saying that he could not consent until further evidence had been heard this morning at 11.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.

THE WRATH OF THE GODS.

FAMINE SEQUEL TO ICONOCLASTIC AGITATION.

Thousands of hungry men and women in half a dozen provinces of China are convinced that the destruction of ancient Buddhist and Taoist idols in century-old temples is responsible for the famine now sweeping the country, according to reliable reports reaching Peking from several cities.

"I told you so," the older people are saying despairingly to the ardent young Nationalists who impatiently broke up the idols to show the old people that their superstitions were groundless. And some of the younger men are reported to be a little nervous, just a little afraid there may be something in the view.

When groups of young men, zealous reformers, broke into the temples several weeks ago, and wrecked the idols, some of the old people protested with great fierceness, throwing themselves before the idols in an effort to save them. "You will destroy us all," some of the earnest Buddhists cried.

By a coincidence, severe droughts settled down on several districts in which temples were wrecked and idols destroyed. This, the old people declare, is an evidence of the wrath of the gods.

The feeling against the temple-wreckers is declared to be running so high in some cities that the young men reformers have been compelled to flee for their lives.

In other cities, where temples were left alone but ancient walls were torn down, the superstitious people declare that the famine has been caused by angry spirits who were disturbed. —United Press.

"THE PATSY."

"JOLLY GOOD SHOW" AT THE QUEEN'S.

FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"A jolly good show," was the opinion expressed by a burly sailor as he left the Queen's after the 5.10 performance yesterday, and he was by no means alone in his appreciation; the house was packed and the laughter during Marion Davies' comedy almost continuous.

Before the picture is the usual gazette with some particularly interesting views of aircraft carriers at sea, an Inkwell Cartoon which is as amusing and original as they generally are; and the dancers "Nina and Jacques."

Clever Dancers.

These two dancers have been gaining much applause at the 8.20 house during the latter part of last week. Yesterday they were giving a show at each house and the same arrangement is to prevail to-day. They both know their job, both are dancers and entertainers, and give an excellent little performance of "Black Bottom," "Varsity Drag," and "La Paloma." The latter is danced by Nina in pseudo-Spanish costume and there were appeals for an encore yesterday. A novel feature is the Charleston danced by the lady on the top of the grand piano.

Marion Davies' Success.

Marion Davies has broken away from her usual role of the Mary Pickford type, in which she plays an ill-used little girl in an orphanage, and in "The Patsy" proves herself to be a comedienne of no common ability and also quite a clever impersonator. The story opens, perhaps, rather along her usual lines with Miss Davies as "Pat," the Cinderella of a "typical" American family. Certainly the Americans do not flatter themselves in their "typical" family life as shown on stage or screen, and one realizes why "homely" has become a term veering on the contemptuous, but that by the way.

At all events this American family will be familiar to you in many of its aspects. There is "Mr. Ugly," fat and a bully, excellently played by Marie Dressler. "Pat" turned also fat, and badly heaped with a very soft corner in her heart for her youngest daughter. Del Henderson makes him a very living personality. "Grace," the eldest daughter is lovely spoilt and selfish and is acted in a spirited manner by Jane Winton. Last but not least is "Pat" who is harried by her mother and sister and cherishes a school girl passion for sister Grace's "young man."

Miss Davis is perfectly delightful in her comical movements, and her ridiculous adoring glances towards the object of her affections. When she tries to acquire a "personality" with the aid of text books on "How to attract men," her family thinks, with good excuse, that she has gone mad. Finding all else fails at the instigation of her father she goes one evening to the house of "Billy" (Sister Grace's second string) and phones her beloved "Tony" from there to come and rescue her. Unfortunately, she finds "Billy" hopelessly snoring after having dined not wisely but too well, and it is in an endeavour to arouse his interest that she impersonates various film stars, Mae Murray, Lillian Gish, and Pola Negri, in a delightfully clever and amusing way.

Of course, "Pat" wins her "Tony" in the end, but not until the henpecked "Pa" has, much against the grain, for he loves his tyrant, had a terrible and ludicrous scene in which he threatens to break up the marriage or leave it for good. You will enjoy "The Patsy" all the way through and its recommendation gives great pleasure to "your film critic."

FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK.

Queen's.

To-day—"The Patsy." To-morrow, by special request—"Why Sailors Go Wrong," a laughable tale of Sammy Cohen, Ted MacNamara and a desert island with lions and cannibals.

Wednesday to Saturday—"Fazil," adapted from "L'Insomnie," with Charles Farrell, Greta Nissen and Mae Busch. The romantic love story of a Sheikh and a Parisienne, which takes you from Venice to Paris, and from Paris to the haroms of the East.

World.

To-day—At 6.15 and 9.20: "Tess of the d'Urbervilles." At 2.30 and 7.15: Chinese Picture, "The Lady Detective."

To-morrow and Wednesday—"Across the Pacific," Monte Blue, Myrna Loy and Jane Winton in an excellent story of Secret Service in the Philippines during the Spanish American War. The plot is well rounded and there are some most interesting scenes. —United Press.

MILITANT BUDDHISM.

REVOLUTIONARY REFORMATION.

The leaders of Chinese Buddhism, alarmed by the prospect of losing much of their prestige and property on account of Nationalist disapproval, have resolved upon a revolutionary reformation. An appeal for a "Militant Buddhism," similar to a "Militant Christianity," has been sent through the country by Chief Abbot Cheuh Hsin of Peking.

Abbot Cheuh is convinced that Buddhism in China has declined because of its doctrine of passivity and non-resistance. These age-old principles, which have appealed to many in the West during recent years, are now entirely out of date, the Abbot declares, and the Buddhist church must be remoulded into a fighting organization, if it expects to survive the present crisis in China.

"The Kuomintang is bringing a progressive era to China," Abbot Cheuh told a large group of Peking newspapermen. "Under their influence, all institutions are changing. The Buddhist church must also change, or it will fall by the wayside."

The Buddhist leaders are turning their attention to Japan in order to model their "church militant" upon the Japanese organization. The Buddhist church in Japan, which was at one time in the last century also seriously threatened, has made a remarkable "come-back," regaining all of its lost influence, and becoming a force in Japan superior to any other religion, with the exception of Shinto, which is more of a nationalistic creed than a religion.

While Japanese Buddhists have been organizing Young Men's Buddhist Associations, modelled almost exactly on the Y.M.C.A., arranging hymns with the same tunes used by western Christians, and starting Sunday Schools, the Buddhists in China have regarded the advance of Christianity and new thoughts generally with indifference. While the Buddhist temples of Japan have prospered, and the buildings have been carefully maintained, the temples of China have slowly fallen into disrepair and poverty.

All this, according to Abbot Cheuh, is due to the doctrine of passivity inherent in Buddhism, which may have been all right at one time, but is out-of-date now.

Observers here agree that Buddhism in China has good reason to be alarmed. The younger Nationalists are impatient with the superstitious beliefs "encouraged" by ignorant Buddhist priests, and begrudge the asserted waste of money which adherence to the religion involves. Realizing that they cannot turn the older people away from Buddhism in a short time, young men have been breaking up ancient idols and closing ancient temples.

At the same time the Nanking Government has been designing regulations to control not only Buddhism but all religions in China, including Christianity. It has been urged that the government take over all Buddhist and Taoist property, and compel the priests to turn all revenues into a government bureau.

The younger Nationalists, many of whom have come under Soviet Russian influence, are impatient with all religious creeds, and especially with the superstitions taught by ignorant priests. Some of them have even urged that religion be declared illegal in New China. —United Press.

Star.

To-day—"The Bugle Call," Jackie Coogan's latest picture in which is no longer the little boy, but a gallant young bugler who saves a lonely frontier post in a fight against Red Indians.

To-morrow and Wednesday—"Beau Geste," Ronald Coleman, Beau Geste and Alice Joyce in the famous picture of the French Foreign Legion which drew packed houses at the Queen's.

Thursday to Saturday—"The Flame of Yukon," a thriller of the Canadian North-west with Seena Owen and Arnold Gray.

COMING TO THE QUEEN'S.

"The Parisian Revue."

An added attraction during Christmas week at the Queen's Theatre will be provided by Signor Carpi who is bringing to Hong Kong "The Parisian Revue," a company of ten clever artists who will present a special programme of up-to-date variety turns. The company will appear nightly during the 20 performances and during their stay will give three complete changes of programme.

"The Divine Woman."

Lars Hanson, the Swedish actor, who played opposite Lillian Gish in "The Scarlet Letter" has the leading male rôle opposite Greta Garbo in "The Divine Woman," a new production directed by Victor Seastrom and coming soon to the Queen's Theatre. The picture is a sensational story of the life of a great French actress who, sickened with the homage paid her by wealth and royalty, returns to her first love, a poor fisherman, and from the French Army.

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Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928. [7108]

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V—Ladies' Singles Handicap.

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VII—Men's Singles.

VIII—Men's Singles.

IX—Ladies' Doubles.

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X—Ladies' Singles.

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Hon. Secretary, U.S.R.C.
Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928. [7107]

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Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928. [7109]

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

4th JANUARY, 1929.

MEMBERS are Requested to send in their Applications for TICKETS to the BALL as soon as possible to MESSRS. HULLIN & SOMMERFELT, Joint Ball Secretaries, c/o LINSTRAP & DAVIS. [7081]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1928, until MONDAY, 24th DECEMBER, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

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DEATHS.

BENWELL—On December 11th, at Shanghai, GUY HAMILTON BENWELL, beloved husband of MAUD BENWELL, aged 46 years.

CARVALHO—On October 15th, at Maruene, Portugal, East Africa, LUIZ CARVALHO, FREDERICO HONORÉ DE CARVALHO, killed in action in a punitive expedition, aged 42.

RUSHBROOK—On December 5th, at Leysin, Switzerland, CATHERINE, the wife of Lieut. Commander RUSHBROOK, R.N.

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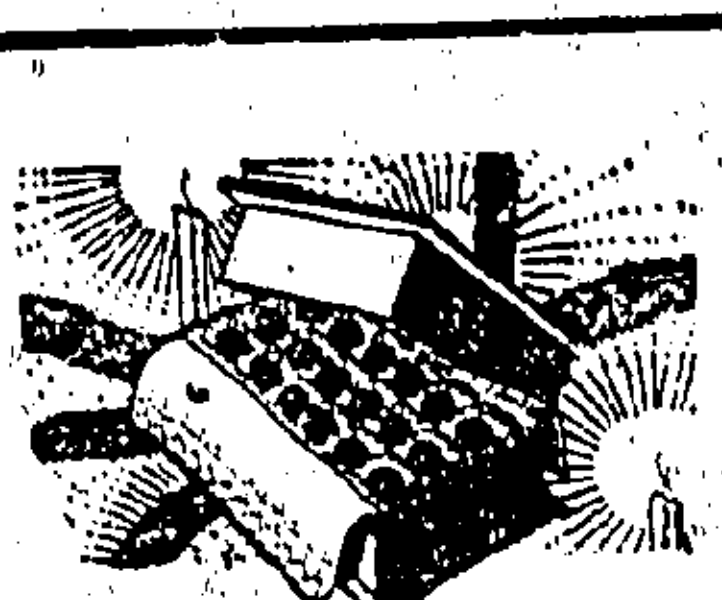
The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, December 17th, 1928.

MEN, MOONS, AND MONTHS

This is the season when many well-meaning people begin to make good resolutions which they sincerely intend shall be faithfully observed as from the beginning of what is known as the New Year. That the majority of these resolutions very quickly resolve themselves into roadmaking material for that path which leads to a place said to be extremely uncomfortable does not matter. People in various parts of the world have different ideas about New Years. Thus what we call 1928 the Mohammedans call 1346-7, while to the Jews it is 5688-9, and according to the Coptic calendar we are in the year 1844-5. In India one can live simultaneously in 1928, 1929, and 1930, and still date one's

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correspondence "1928." In the Far East the old-style Chinese and Japanese calendars differed from the Western method of calculation, but China is following the example of Japan by falling into line with Occidental countries and observing January 1st as the beginning of a new year. A cable from Nanking appearing elsewhere refers to the "encouraging observance" by the Chinese people of the new method of reckoning. It will be many years before the old New Year day will cease to be celebrated: even in Japan the old-style date is still widely observed among the country folk, and so it will be in China.

Officially, however, January 1st will be regarded in China—as in Western countries—as New Year Day, and now that this reform can be regarded as being accomplished, it seems proper to consider the next step. Everybody knows that even the accepted Western manner of arranging the calendar is far from perfect. The movable religious holidays cause considerable exasperation to business-men, but there are other shortcomings which ingenious minds have tried to remedy. One of the many tasks the League of Nations has undertaken but has not completed is a reform of the calendar. The latest scheme for simplifying matters was put before the Manchester Rotary Club recently by Mr. E. KEITH EASON, a Dublin Rotarian. Mr. EASON said the chief difficulty of the existing calendar is that days and dates do not remain fixed from year to year. For example, October 25th this year was a Thursday; last year the nearest corresponding Thursday was October 27th, and last year October 25th was a Tuesday. The

effect of this variation on arrangements for annual conferences, exhibitions, etc., was that each year the date of the fixture must change if the days were to be the same, or the day must change if the date was fixed.

Here is a simple illustration of the effect on everyday business. There were 31 days in October this year and there were 31 in October last year, an apparent equality. The sales for the 31 days this year were, say, £340; last year £320—an apparent increase of £20. But this year the month contained five Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays; last year it contained five Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. Therefore there were 27 working days this year to 28 last, so there was no increase on the average daily sales. But, further, there was usually a regular variety in the amount of business done on each day of the week, so that a Saturday was not the equal of a Tuesday or a Wednesday, and so the average daily figure might not mean anything.

A solution of the calendar difficulty was propounded by the League of Nations Committee on Calendar Reform in 1925. In their view, no advantage was to be gained by any interference with the harmony of the civil year with the astronomical year. Leap Year, that was to say, would stand, and the beginning of the year must be January 1st. But the lack of coincidence between the numerical and the nominal designations from year to year, the most serious defect in the calendar to-day, was easily removable. Without any interference whatever with the number of days in the year, we could have January 1st of each year a Sunday and, in consequence, every day of each year bearing the same numerical and nominal designations from year to year by the simple act of giving one day—any one day of the year—a special name (Year Day) other than a week-day name. In theory the last day of the year was the most obvious for this purpose, but in actual practice it might be found more feasible to use December 25th for the day with the special name. From a political point of view the question was what solution involved the least change from established custom.

It is worth while considering some of the benefits a fixed yearly calendar would give. The proper comparison for business purposes was a period of the current year with the corresponding period of the previous year. With a fixed yearly calendar such periods, whatever their length, were truly comparable because they would always consist of the same number and the same kind of days. The adoption of thirteen months might, for some minds, simplify the calendar, but it did not fix it. Its indivisibility into halves and quarters outweighed the apparent advantages, especially when by a few simple amendments of the present calendar we could give twelve months with twenty-six working days in each. Once the calendar was fixed we could get the comparison exact without going to the trouble of thirteen months at all.

The few simple amendments needed are to drop August 31st, May 31st, and March 31st, and add February 29th, February 30th, and April 31st, and in Leap Year have June 31st as Leap Day. By this means we retain twelve divisions in the year, with thirteen weeks in each quarter, and twenty-six working days in each month, and have only three series of dates to remember. It has been suggested that the changes are so slight that they are not worth the political trouble of international agreement, but the merit of a case is not determined by the size of the adjustment. As in machinery, a very tiny adjustment may make all the difference between power and no power.

Systematic instruction of the electorate is essential for the accomplishment of the reform. If one man, in every Chamber of Commerce and every Chamber of Trade, Mr. EASON concluded, would see that the subject was tackled, the time would soon come when the Government could arrange with the League of Nations for an international convention to fix up details of the reform. Perhaps our local Chambers will feel disposed to consider the matter and let Mr. EASON know what they think of his scheme.

News and Views.

Another 19 cases of small-pox were reported on Friday.

A tennis tournament will be held at the United Services Recreation Club on Friday, January 4th.

The Duke of Abercorn has been gazetted Governor of Northern Ireland for a further period of six years.

Sir Henry Pollock has resumed his position as a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Colony.

The North German Lloyd announces that negotiations with the Hamburg-America Line for a working agreement have broken off.

The Bazaar Committee of St. Vincent de Paul have pleasure in acknowledging a further donation for the recent Bazaar from Miss Sybil Joseph, through Leo d'Almeida e Castro, of \$50.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2192 will be put up at auction at the P.W.D. Offices on December 31st at 3 p.m. The property is situated at Mong Kok Tsui and has an area of about 4,716 square feet. The upset price is \$11,790.

Among the passengers on board the H.A. liner *Odenburg*, which arrived at Hong Kong on Sunday, was Dr. Voretzsch, who is on his way to Tokyo, where he has been appointed German Ambassador. His Excellency is accompanied by his family.

It is now ordered that the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal shall be worn after all British War Medals in such order as may from time to time be assigned to it, suspended from the left breast by a green ribbon of one inch and a quarter in width.

The local Hon. Representative, Mr. F. K. M. Ewart, of King's College has been informed that the Chief Executive of the Royal Life Saving Society have appointed the following as Official Examiners in Life-Saving: Sergt. F. J. Toms, L/Bdr. W. E. J. Pratt and Gunner P. French, all of the 12th Heavy Battery, R.A.

Fire broke out early on Saturday morning at a house at No. 125, Connaught Road West, and lasted some three hours, the building being four storeys high. The alarm was raised at 4 a.m. and both the Kennedy Town Station and the Fire Float responded. The fire was subdued at 7.30 a.m., an adjoining house being slightly damaged.

The decision of the award of prizes of the Hong Kong University Amateur Photographic Club will be announced to-day, December 17th. The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. W. W. Hornell, has kindly consented to distribute the prizes awarded for the best prints at 6 p.m. sharp. All members and friends of the Club are welcome.

According to the meteorological observations made at the Royal Observatory, Kowloon, the maximum temperature during November was 82.2 degrees on November 29th and the minimum temperature 57.5 degrees on the 16th. There were 117.2 hours of sunshine and 0.815 of an inch of rain. The rainfall for the month at the Botanical Gardens was 0.94 of an inch on seven days, at the Matilda Hospital 0.74 of an inch on eight days. At the Police Station, Tai-po, it was 3.94 inches on four days.

A payment of \$94,200,000 was made on Friday by the British Government to the United States Treasury, of which sum an amount of \$27,000,000 is on account of repayment of principal on the War Debt, the balance being the interest. With this payment, the total payments to the United States since the funding of the British Debt amount to \$964,280,000, of which \$147,000,000 has been on account of repayment of principal. The amount outstanding has now been reduced to \$817,280,000.

An official note was issued by the Government of Portugal on December 6th, requesting the people of the country to adopt suitable measures to prevent spread of typhus fever.

Young Sew Tin, a shop assistant, who was charged before Major C. Willson with having stolen \$1,719 from his employers—the Tai Lee firm, of No. 1, Des Vaux Road West, said: "I did not steal the money, I only embezzled it." Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed.

Senator Walter E. George of Georgia last week announced that he will urge a tariff increase on jute and peanuts in an effort to help the farmers. He believes that a higher jute duty will react advantageously upon the cotton farmers, giving the growers an additional annual revenue of \$75,000,000.

If Kid McCoy, former middleweight champion of the world and now chief of the San Quentin prison fire department, keeps adding to his wardrobe he soon may be taken as an example of what the best dressed fire chiefs wear. The latest adornment of McCoy, who is in prison for killing a Los Angeles woman, is a white fireman's hat with the lettering "Chief S.Q.F.D." in gold.

Specifications are being prepared which will form a basis for contracts for construction of ammunition and storage facilities in the Philippine Islands and Hawaii. According to recommendation in the report of Curtis D. Wilbur, U.S. Secretary of the Navy, action has already been taken to acquire sites. The preliminary work in Hawaii is progressing and contracts will be made soon.

On December 7th Senator General P. Nye of North Dakota introduced a resolution providing for the creation of a Congressional Committee which would meet with a committee from the Philippine Legislature to consider problems of the Philippines and make recommendations to the President toward a solution. The group would be composed of nine Congressmen and seven Philippine legislators.

The death occurred at the German Hospital, Peking, on December 3rd of Professor Alexander Patrick Ottomeier, formerly Professor of Ancient History and Geography at Peking University. During the War he was required to leave his position owing to his nationality and since then has had a very hard life. He was only 48 years old when he died. He belonged to a formerly very wealthy German family at Shanghai, his father being head of the Irwin & Ottomeier Co.

A Washington message states that Senator Couzens, Republican, of Michigan, has a resolution before the Senate which, if adopted, would be a request that Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, resign. There seems no reason to believe that the resolution will be acted upon before the close of the present administration. Couzens and Mellon are both men of great wealth, and the former has had considerable trouble with the Treasury Department over income tax matters. It is charged by Couzens that he has been subjected to discrimination, while Mellon and his associates have received special favourable treatment in tax matters.

At the Central Magistracy on Saturday Mr. R. E. Lindell imposed a sentence of 6 months' hard labour on a Chinese who was convicted of having stolen money from a man who had helped him when he was in difficulties. According to the prosecution, the defendant, Fung Ku, was out of employment and the complainant gave him free board and lodging. On December 10th the complainant returned home with \$2,250 in his pocket, which he intended to put into the Bank next day. In the morning he was surprised to find that both his money and the defendant were missing. The latter had left for Canton by the 8.30 slow train; but on getting to the frontier and changing into the other train he was arrested. On searching the defendant the police found \$2,150 on him. In spite of what had occurred, the complainant still pleaded for leniency to be shown, but the Magistrate replied that he could not do so, as it would only encourage others to do the same.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.10 p.m. stated:

The anticyclone over China is unchanged. A typhoon W.N.W. of Guam is moving north-westward. Fresh to strong norsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. Local Forecast—N.E. winds fresh, cloudy at first, clearing

A "DAILY PRESS" GATHERING.

DEPARTURE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR.

PRESENTATION TO MR. BREAKSPER.

TRIBUTES FROM THE STAFF.

A presentation from the whole staff of the *Daily Press*, European and Chinese, was made on Saturday morning to the Managing-Director of the paper, Mr. O. T. Breakspear, who is leaving for Home next "Saturday" by the *Naldera*.

The assistance of Mac's Cafeteria was obtained and, for the time being, the reporters' room was turned into some semblance of an up-to-date buffet, with the presentation gifts arranged in the centre of the well-laden tables. These took the form of a large silver rose bowl, suitably inscribed, a silver cigarette box, a pipe and "some cigars for the voyage." Saturday being the newspaper man's holiday there was a great gathering of the clans, the staff of the City-Office being strongly reinforced by the representatives from the Wanchai printing works and even a few "strangers" were cooped although, naturally, the party was essentially a family affair.

Mr. R. T. Barrett, the assistant-editor of the *Daily Press*, acted as spokesman on behalf of his colleagues. He expressed the great regret felt by all members of the staff at losing a chief who had brought them very successfully through a troublesome period, and referred to the excellent spirit of co-operation which now animated every department of the business, a spirit which he attributed very largely to Mr. Breakspear's leadership and to the fact that when hard work and long hours were called for the No. 1 was always willing to show the way by practical example. This good will, he pointed out, had been demonstrated in a remarkable way by the spontaneity in the contributions towards the gifts which they were now asking Mr. Breakspear to accept.

Everyone, without exception, had expressed a desire to subscribe and it was hoped that the presents would help Mr. and Mrs. Breakspear in the Homeland, to keep them all in Hong Kong in kindly remembrance. Mr. Breakspear, in reply, after expressing his great appreciation of the good-will which had prompted the presentation, said he still had in his possession the present given to him by the Chinese staff when he left the *Daily Press* some years ago. He thought he would have to take care not to make his comings and goings too frequent or the impression might get abroad that he travelled backwards and forwards with the object of making a collection of very useful and valuable gifts. Considerable improvements had been made in the paper during the past four years and for those improvements he had to thank the staff in all departments. The four years had been very difficult for all classes of business, but in spite of this the paper had done better in 1928 than for a number of years previously. It was, he thought, a record upon which they could sincerely congratulate themselves, and when he returned to London he would have the greatest pleasure in reporting to the new Chairman of the Company that he had a staff in Hong Kong of which he might be proud.

Mr. D. J. Evans, formerly of the *Japan Chronicle*, will take Mr. Breakspear's place on the *Daily Press*.

DR. WANG'S SUCCESSFUL DIPLOMACY.

BRITAIN PREPARED TO ACCEPT TARIFF PROPOSALS.

IMPROVED SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

AGENDA FOR NEXT KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE.

The British Government has expressed itself satisfied in the main with the Nanking Government's tariff proposals. But they are to be subjected to detailed examination. Dr. Wang has withdrawn his threatened resignation and good progress is being made in the negotiations both with Great Britain and with Japan. Mr. Tokonami was greatly impressed with the general atmosphere of Nanking and paid a warm tribute to Chiang Kai Shek.

The German Reichstag's acceptance of the proposed trade treaty with China may be regarded as another triumph for Dr. Wang.

The agenda for the next Kuomintang National Conference to take place in March at Nanking has been published. The discussions traverse the usual ground.

BRITAIN AND THE NEW TARIFF.

IN AGREEMENT WITH 1926 SCHEDULE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16th.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a written reply to a Parliamentary question states that in the note dated December 5th the Minister for Foreign Affairs for China notified the British Minister that the new Chinese Customs tariff had been promulgated and would come into force on February 1st.

With the exception of certain articles which are subject to special rates the rates of duty appear to be identical with those of the interim schedule accepted by the Foreign Delegations in 1926.

The Commercial Secretary at Shanghai has been instructed to make a detailed examination of the tariff and report any discrepancies.

No reply, so far as he was aware, had been returned to the note of the Foreign Minister.

Nationalists Government Not Yet Recognised.

Mr. Locker Lampson states that Sir Miles Lampson's visit to Nanking does not indicate a recognition of the National Government by the British Government but a *de jure* recognition would be the necessary consequence of any treaty concluded as the result of the negotiations which Sir Miles Lampson is conducting.

GOOD PROGRESS WITH NEGOTIATIONS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16th.

Good progress was made with the third stage of the Sino-Anglo negotiations at Nanking yesterday, the tariff problem being under consideration. The draft tariff agreement has been drawn up and will be further discussed. A few amendments are expected before it is referred to the respective Governments for ratification.

TSO KUN'S RESIDENCE PILLAGED.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16th.

The private residence, in the British Concession at Tientsin, of Tso Kun, ex-President of the Peking Government, was looted by a number of bandits last Saturday. Booty to the value of \$30,000 was stolen.

DR. WANG TO CARRY ON.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16th.

Dr. C. T. Wang returned to Nanking yesterday. He has personally tendered his resignation as Foreign Secretary to Marshal Chiang Kai Shek. Marshal Chiang urged him to remain in office at the present "critical moment" in the diplomatic situation. Dr. Wang was finally prevailed upon to continue at his post.

WINDING UP OF LIKIN.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16th.

The Nanking Finance Ministry held a special meeting to-day with financial representatives from Fukien, Kiangsu, Anhui and Kiangsi to discuss ways and means for the abolition of *likin*.

The abolition will be completed within the next six months.

AMERICAN CONSULATE REOPENING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16th.

It is understood that the American Consulate in Nanking which has been closed since March 24th, 1927, as a result of the Nanking incident, is reopening shortly, without any ceremony. United States officials are leaving for Nanking to-day.

NAVAL OFFICER'S DISAPPEARANCE.

ANOTHER SHANGHAI MYSTERY.

SECOND IN A YEAR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16th.

Much anxiety is felt as to the fate of Surgeon Lieut. H. J. Scott of R.M.S. *Crickets* of whom nothing has been heard since he left the Cafe Palais at 3 a.m. on Friday morning with the intention of returning to his ship which is moored at the Old Dock.

The police are searching the city for the missing man.

It will be recalled that Surgeon Lieut. Scott is the second naval officer who has disappeared under mysterious circumstances in the past year.

The other was Lieut. Wright, R.N., of H.M.S. *Vindictive*, of whom nothing has ever been heard. It is believed that Surgeon Lieut. Scott comes from Glasgow.

STRIKE AT SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16th.

The employees of the Tram Company have come out on strike.

FIGHTING NEAR CHUNG-KING.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16th.

According to a wireless message General Yang Sen has attacked General Liu Sheng near Chung-king. In reference to this report it is apparent that General Yang Sen has aided with Tang Sih Hau and Lai Hsin Fei who are prepared to wage war with General Liu Sheng, the nominal commander to the military command in the district.

QUELLING OF AN ASSEMBLY.

DRENCHED BY LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, December 16th.

According to press reports serious rioting occurred in Miyazaki and Kyushu yesterday. This is the result of political bargaining, involving the removal of the Government school.

A frenzied crowd of ten thousand, including the local fire brigades, surrounded the prefectural Assembly Hall and pumped water on the gathering, drenching the members of the Assembly and breaking all the windows.

Two hundred police fought the demonstrators and a number of persons were injured and sixty arrested before peace was restored.

SURVIVORS OF "CHIEF MAQUILLA."

ARRIVAL IN TOKYO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, December 16th.

The *Yugen Maru* has arrived in Yokohama with fifteen British and sixty-five Chinese officers and crew of the *Chief Maquilla*, which foundered in mid-Pacific on December 1st.

FRENCH FINANCIAL SCANDAL.

BONDS IN MME. HANAU'S BATHROOM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 16th.

On Madame Hanau's information the police discovered France 1,600,000 securities in her bathroom.

The police recently searched her home and were convinced that the securities were not there then.

(Madame Marthe Hanau, a prominent figure in French financial circles, directed a vast investment organisation in connection with the leading newspaper, the *Gazette de France*. The *Gazette* boosted her shares and as the company set up to help to restore public confidence in the franc, she succeeded in obtaining articles from leading deputies and even minor ministers. An apocryphal letter was even obtained from M. Poincaré himself. Emboldened by success she proposed to issue bonds for 170,000,000 francs at an unheard-of rate of interest. Inquiries were opened, a deficit of \$200,000 is said to be revealed and the enterprising lady financier and her divorced husband (their business partnership has been maintained) have been arrested. Several French politicians are said to be passing very anxious days owing to the attack.)

GERMANY AND CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 16th.

The Reichstag has adopted the Trade Treaty between Germany and China.

THE KING SLIGHTLY BETTER.

NEW ELECTRO-THERAPY TREATMENT.

GENERAL INFECTION LESS SERIOUS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 15th.

The bulletin issued at 8.15 p.m. signed by three doctors, says that the King had a somewhat disturbed day. His general condition is not quite so satisfactory.

The pulse, however, remains steady.

Despite the rather unsatisfactory bulletin it is pointed out by officials at the Palace that there is no need for alarm as the King's pulse is steady, which indicates that the strength of the patient's heart is maintained. However, prevails at the Palace as to-day marks a check in the King's progress towards recovery.

Abscess Drained.

The condition of the King yesterday afternoon, it is authoritatively stated, is unchanged. The latest bulletins interpreted by medical experts in the newspapers mean that the abscess is being drained properly through a tube and the patient's vitality is gaining on the poisoning.

The dramatic improvement frequently seen after an empyema operation has not yet been observed, because, when the operation was performed the King was in a very low condition, affecting his recuperative powers, and his system was so saturated with poison that the struggle to overcome infection must be long and difficult. But even if the King does no more than hold on steadily for the present the outlook is quite favourable.

ENCOURAGING BULLETIN.

LONDON, December 16th.

The Bulletin issued at 11 a.m. this morning states that despite a restless night the King's general condition has slightly improved.

The morning bulletin is regarded as encouraging, showing that His Majesty's constitution is still waging a determined fight against the effects of general infection. The fact that the bulletin does not mention temperature and pulse is regarded as indicating that both are satisfactory.

The Imperial Conference.

Reuter's lobby correspondent understands that following confidential communications with the Dominions the decision as regards holding the next Imperial Conference has been postponed until the New Year. One reason is, undoubtedly the question of the King's health.

FRIDAY.

A Slight Set-back.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 15th.

Last night's bulletin states that the King had a somewhat disturbed day and his general condition was not quite so satisfactory. The pulse, however, remained steady. Although this news created disappointment it was generally hoped that the slight setback indicated would prove to be one of the fluctuations which are to be expected in such an illness. It was attributed to the continued infection in the blood. A warning that progress must be slow and difficult was indeed contained in the earlier bulletins yesterday (Friday).

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Tribute To The King.

A noteworthy tribute to the King was paid in a speech last night by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the leader of the Labour Party. He said: "I should like to say how very moved we have all been at the illness of the King. This sympathy is not a question of sycophancy at all. That does not come in. Those of us who have had the great pleasure of knowing the King personally, of knowing how sincerely devoted he is to doing his duty with absolute constitutional impartiality, feel at a moment like this when he is walking through very deep shadows how extraordinarily well he has done his work as a constitutional monarch. How absolutely impartially he has always done that work and how in doing it he has knitted us to him, not as an official, not as the great dignified form of the Head of the State, but as one who belongs to his Nation and has tried all his life, in all his actions, to carry out his national responsibilities and to advance the National interests. There is not a member of the old Labour cabinet who would not join with me in the prayer that the next bulletins will show him advancing towards health and strength."

FIGHTING IN PARAGUAY.

BOLIVIAN CAPTURE TWO FORTS.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS DISREGARDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16th.

There has been a serious turn in the dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay in which the League of Nations' Council has been attempting mediation, as indicated by the following message:

LA PAZ. The Bolivian War Minister announces that a sanguinary clash has occurred on the Paraguayan border.

Buenos Aires. A message from La Paz states that the Bolivian forces have captured the Paraguayan forts, Boqueron and Rojalsela, after a bloody encounter.

"Paraguayan detachments threatened our forts in Chaco but our forces punished their opponents and occupied Fort Boqueron."

"The Army has done its duty."

Admonitory Telegrams.

LUGANO, Dec. 16th. The Council of the League of Nations has decided to send further admonitory telegrams as a reminder to Bolivia and Paraguay of Article 12 of the Covenant of the League under which signatory powers agree to refer any serious dispute to arbitration or enquiry by the Council and not to declare war until three months after their award has been promulgated.

Mr. Coolidge's Intense Desire.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16th. In a conference with two Republican members of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, President Coolidge indicated his "intense desire" for the Senate to ratify the Kellogg Pact without reservations of any sort.

The seriousness of the Bolivian-Paraguayan conflict is also suggested by the report from Santa Fe, Argentina, to the effect that a large quantity of war material passed through there on Saturday towards Bolivia, including four aeroplanes of German manufacture.

LA PAZ, Dec. 16th.

A Bolivian Government communiqué claims that Bolivia has not forgotten her international duties and has sworn faith to maintain peace but she has an "inescapable duty to exact satisfaction for the attack on a Bolivian fort and to prevent a recurrence of clashes which seems possible owing to the Paraguayan concentration of new forces including its General Staff."

SATURDAY.

THE MORNING BULLETIN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 15th.

The following bulletin issued from Buckingham Palace at 11 a.m. states: "The King has had several hours sleep. The total condition is so far satisfactory. There is no increase in exhaustion and pulse remains steady." The bulletin is signed by Sir Stanley Hewitt, Sir Hugh Rigby and Lord Dawson of Penn.

Satisfactory.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 15th.

In Palace circles the morning bulletin is regarded as satisfactory, and confirming the view that the somewhat less reassuring bulletin issued yesterday evening merely indicated one of the temporary setbacks which are to be expected in the long and difficult struggle. The mention of several hours sleep is considered favourable and the continuance of a steady pulse coupled with slight improvement in the local condition is reassuring.

Saturday, September 15th. 6.55 p.m.

Lord Dawson of Penn and Sir Stanley Hewitt had a long consultation in the afternoon after which two fresh physicians, Dr. Alfred Bakewell and Dr. Robert Stanton Woods were called and were later joined in a prolonged consultation with Dr. Frank Ditch Hewitt. Dr. Robert Woods departed at 5.30 p.m. and returned within half an hour.

Dr. Howitt is a well-known London physician and Dr. R. Woods is in charge of the Department of Physical Medicine and Electrology at the London Hospital.

The Queen did not take her usual afternoon drive and Princess Mary cancelled a public engagement at Windsor and did not leave the Palace. The Prince of Wales left the Palace shortly after 3 p.m.

This Evening Bulletin.

The evening bulletin signed by Sir Stanley Hewitt, Dr. R. Woods, Lord Howitt, Sir Hugh Rigby and Lord Dawson of Penn states that the King has had a quiet day, with some sleep. Though His Majesty's pulse remains steady and the fever has now moderated, the exhaustion persists.

It has been decided to employ ray therapy as part of the treatment.

LONDON TRAFFIC.

TWO IMPORTANT BILLS.

BIG TUBE EXTENSIONS PROPOSED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15th.

Private bills for powers to proceed with an extensive plan for co-ordinating London passenger transport services have been deposited with the House of Commons by the London County Council and the London General Omnibus Co.

The Bills provide that the London Traffic Advisory Committee shall become a statutory authority to which would be referred all questions that may arise as to fares, adequacy of service and plans for future developments. This body would thus become the public's protection against exploitation by the monopoly thus created. The bills carry out in all particulars the recommendations made by the London Traffic Committee a year ago.

The Government, it is understood, has undertaken to give facilities to enable the bills to be passed before the general election next year.

The Underground Group are prepared to start work on tube railway extensions in various parts of the London area as soon as the bills become law.

Modern tube railways cost approximately £1,000,000 per mile and the Underground Group is prepared to start on works costing from fifteen millions to twenty millions if assured that wasteful competition between various forms of transport services will be eliminated.

GENERAL BRAMWELL BOOTH.

FITNESS FOR HIS POST TO BE ADJUDICATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 15th.

According to the *London Daily News* the High Council of the Salvation Army met at Sunbury-on-Thames on January 8th to adjudicate the fitness of General Bramwell Booth continue in control of the organisation. If a three-fourths majority is obtained in favour of the General's removal the Council will appoint a successor.

No Immediate Anxiety.

It is authoritatively learnt that the King's condition is such that there is no cause for immediate anxiety. In well informed quarters it is stated that the ray therapy treatment now being used is the new method of attack in the long and difficult struggle which the doctors are waging with exhaustion due to the poison arising out of the general infection.

To-night's bulletin is generally regarded as satisfactory in the circumstances. Doctors Howitt and Woods are among the foremost experts in the ray therapy.

The Duke and Duchess of York and the Prince of Wales dined at the Palace to-night.

PRINCE GEORGE SEES NEW YORK.

SAILS ABOARD "BERENGARIA."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, December 15th.

Several thousands gathered on the pier to see Prince George, who, after lunching with General Cornelius Vanderbilt and dining at the home of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, widow of the former Ambassador to London, boarded the *Berengaria*.

Accompanied by the British Ambassador the Prince was determined to see as much as possible of New York during his first visit. Having successfully eluded the bustling crowds and scores of pressmen seeking him, Prince George was unrecognised when he went sight-seeing with the Ambassador. He ascended the pinnacle of the Woolworth Building, 792 feet high, from whence a comprehensive view of the City is obtained. The usual two shillings was paid for admission to the tower.

In default of accurate news many rumours were published about the Prince, including a "story" to the effect that he telephoned by wireless to the Queen and had heard from Her Majesty the latest news of his father.

This is not confirmed and believed to be a product of the imagination. Prince George arrived at New York on Friday in H.M.S. *Durban*, which anchored for a time in Lower Bay owing to the dense fog.

As the cruiser passed Governor's Island, the battery accorded the Prince a salute of 21 guns.

New York, December 15th. Prince George sailed aboard the *Berengaria* to-day.

SCENE AT LEAGUE COUNCIL.

STRESEMANN AND POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER.

M. BRIAND SMOOTHS PROTAGONISTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LUGANO, Dec. 16th.

An angry outburst by Herr Stresemann, unprecedented at the League Council, marked the morning session of the Council dealing with the protection of minorities in Upper Silesia. The Council considered the report of Mr. Adachi (Japan) thereon, including the petition of the Deutsche Volksbund complaining of the treatment by the Polish authorities of German school children.

The Polish foreign minister, M. Auguste Zaleski unexpectedly asked leave to speak and violently attacked the Germans of Upper Silesia and described the Volksbund Organisation as spies. Herr Stresemann started shouting at the top of his voice, thumping the table and personally abusing M. Zaleski. He demanded that the protection of minorities be discussed at the next session of the Council.

M. Briand To The Rescue.

M. Briand, closing the public session of the Council referred to the incident between Herr Stresemann and M. Zaleski which he described as "outside the League's agenda." He calmed the nerves of the protagonists by declaring that the League had no intention of abandoning the interests of minorities.

Herr Stresemann "Satisfied."

Herr Stresemann was satisfied but solemnly declared that if the League ceased to protect minorities it would lose one of its most important pillars.

The "Big Three" Achieve Useful Results.

A joint statement issued after to-day's conversations between Sir Austen Chamberlain, M. Briand and Herr Stresemann says that the recent personal meetings have resulted in a very useful exchange of views. The trio of statesmen remain firmly attached to their policy of conciliation and rapprochement and will continue the negotiations begun by virtue of the agreement reached at Geneva on September 15th between the six Powers concerned.

THE EVACUATION PROBLEM.

REICHSTAG AND FRENCH DEMANDS.

BERLIN, Dec. 16th.

The Reichstag after a discussion on the report of the Committee on Occupied Territory passed a resolution repudiating the French demand for the establishment of a Commission for the control of the demilitarised zone after 1935 as an attack on the sovereignty of the Reich.

The conversations between Dr. Stresemann and M. Briand chiefly related to the establishment of a Commission of Verification and Conciliation after the evacuation of the Rhineland. The Germans at the contention by the Allies that the Commission should continue after 1935, the date of cessation of evacuation according to the Treaty of Versailles.

SOVIET TO RISK AN ELECTION.

AGRICULTURAL RETURNS IN FLUENCE POLITICAL DECISION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, Dec. 16th.

The Central Executive Committee in its concluded session passed measures from holding new Soviet elections.

Reports from the agricultural districts show that during the past five years crops produced in Russia have increased by thirty-five per cent.

TURBULENT AFGHANISTAN.

PESHAWAR, Dec. 14th.

A message from Jalalabad states that the Shinwari rebels are not observing the truce. Bombing operations are proceeding.

The Sirsair of Afghanistan has left Kabul with reinforcements for the defence of the frontier.

FOOTBALL.

FINE WIN FOR ARMY IN LAI WAH CUP.

HONG KONG POLICE BEAT KOWLOON F.C.

NOTES ON THE WEEK-END GAMES.

The chief attraction on Saturday was the final game on the Hong Kong F.C. ground between the Army and China, the result being a win for the Army by four clear goals.

Saturday's games resulted as under:—

Lai Wah Cup Competition: Final.

The Army..... 4 China..... 0

Hong Kong League: Division I.

H.K. Police..... 1 Kowloon F.C. 0

Division II.

R.A. Res..... 6 C. de R. Res. 0

R.N. Res..... 3 St. Joseph's. 1

China Ath. Res. 1 S. China "A" 1

Eastern F.C. 1 Queen's 1

Kowloon F.C. Small Units

Reserves 1 Reserves 1

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.

P. W. D. L. F. A. P.

Queen's Regt. 8 7 0 1 24 7 14

South China 6 0 0 0 16 5 12

China Athletic 7 4 2 1 19 12 10

H.K. Police 8 4 2 2 15 11 10

K.O.S.B. 7 4 1 1 22 9 9

Club de Recreation 3 2 3 25 21 8

Royal Artillery 8 4 0 4 13 12 8

Royal Navy 9 2 1 6 14 17 5

Kowloon F.C. 8 1 3 4 14 5

H.K. F.C. 7 1 1 5 10 37 0

Small Units 8 0 0 8 4 35 0

Division II.

P. W. D. L. F. A. P.

K.O.S.B. Res. 8 7 0 1 44 7 14

R.N. Res. 8 0 0 1 136 0 13

Queen's Regt. 5 4 2 0 30 10

China Ath. Res. 4 1 1 14 2 9

Eastern F.C. 9 3 3 9 16 10 9

R.A.F. 9 3 1 5 20 20 7

S. China "B" 8 3 1 4 19 13 7

S. China "A" 10 1 0 4 13 22 7

C. de R. Res. 9 3 1 5 11 31 7

St. Joseph's 9 2 2 5 11 18 6

Small Units 10 2 2 6 12 36 6

K.F.C. Res. 8 2 2 4 7 24 6

R.A. Res. 7 2 1 4 14 30 5

NOTES ON THE GAMES.

THE LAI WAH CUP FINAL.

A large crowd turned out to witness the final game in the Lai Wah Cup Competition, played on the Hong Kong F.C. ground. Great interest had been taken in the match, and it was believed by many that the Chinese would, for the first time, win the cup. The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.C., accompanied by Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, was present, and other distinguished spectators included H.E. Major-General Leard, G.O.C., Sir Shou Son Chow, Hqn. Dr. R. H. Kote-wall, Hon. Mr. Cressy, Mr. R. M. Dyer and Col. Comyn, K.O.S.B.

The teams were as follows:—

China—Pau Ka Ping (South China); Ng Kum Chuen and Lai Yuk Tat (China Athletic); Leung Yuk Ying, Wong Shui Wah and Lam Yuk Ying (China Athletic); Tso Kwai Shing and Lai Wai Coon (China Athletic); Fung King Cheong (South China); Suen Kum Shun and Chan Kwong Lu (China Athletic).

Army—Mott (Beds and Herts Regt.); Hooper (Queen's Regt.) and Martin (K.O.S.B.); Everest (K.O.S.B.); Hill (Queen's Regt.); and Skeels (K.O.S.B.); Crook (China and Herts Regt.); Stock (K.O.S.B.); Reeves (K.O.S.B.); Leach (R.A.) and Caldwell (Queen's Regt.).

Referee: L.S.B.A. Atkinson, R.N. Linesmen: Messrs. T. G. Stokes and F. Smith.

A cheer went up from the Chinese supporters when Pau Ka Ping beat Hill for the choice of ends. China defended the town-end goal, and had the assistance of the wind. The game opened in favour of China, but the high wind made the light ball hard to judge when in the air. Early chances for China to take the lead were missed by Suen and Fung. The Army played up strongly, their defence being sound. Mott stopped a couple of shots from Chan and Suen, while at the other end Pau was forced to prevent his charge from Leach, Reeves and Stock. Cross and Caldwell were getting across some fine centres, while Lai Yuk Tat and Ng Kum Chuen were safe at back. China was well served by their middle line. A strenuous first half ended with no score, but with China showing great pace.

Playing with the wind, the Army were soon the aggressors, and the China defence was hard pressed. Fung, playing a fine game in goal, dealt effectively with several shots. The Army were rewarded for their persistent attacks when Reeves scored on a shot following a centre by Cross, the ball going in off Ng Kum Chuen near the post.

With this success the Army put on extra pressure, and another fine centre by Cross gave Leach an opening and the R.A. player made no mistake with a fast cross shot that Pau failed to stop.

Being two goals in hand, the Army eased up and for a time play was dull, although mostly confined to the Chinese half. From a break-away Suen tested Mott with a fast shot but the Army defence held China and seldom did they get dangerous. By a solo effort Reeves scored the third goal. Receiving from Skiggs well out, he worked through the defence and beat Pau with a fast rising shot. Stock put on the fourth, following good work by the inside forwards.

An unfortunate incident then occurred which led up to Tso Kwai Shing being ordered off the field. Hill was badly fouled and had to be assisted off the field, but returned before the final whistle sounded with the Army leading by four goals to nil.

The first half had been contested at a fast pace, but after the first goal was scored there was only one note in the struggle, the Army being well on top.

Every member of the Army team was deserving of his place in the team, and the side were well worth served by their defence, but forward, especially inside, they were weak.

At the close of the game H.E. the Officer Administering the Government presented the Cup to Sergeant Hill, the Army Captain. Each player received a hearty handshake and congratulations from His Excellency as he handed to them a small cup. Sgt. Hill called for three cheers for His Excellency, the call being heartily responded to.

KOWLOON POLICE.

Kowloon are right out of luck this season and, after holding the Police at bay throughout the entire game on Saturday, conceded a goal in the last minute of the match. Play was distinctly below first division standard and the spectators found little to arouse enthusiasm. The Kowloon front line were slow to get off the mark, and Miles was not an unqualified success at centre forward. The half-backs on both sides proved a stumbling-block to the respective attacks and the interval arrived with a blank score sheet.

Kowloon were nearly through within a moment of the re-start, but Britain came to the rescue and robbed Baldwin in the nick of time. The home goal had an extraordinary escape from a centre by Gowan, each inside forward in turn missing the easiest of openings. The ball eventually went to Johnson, who failed to steady himself and shot very wide. This play was instrumental in giving the Police their all-important goal, an awkward centre getting Angus into difficulties and Fraser netted from close in. Time was called before the game could be re-started.

Result:—
Police..... 1
Kowloon..... 0

THE TEAMS:—

Police—Clarke, Wynne, Williams, Brittain, Hudson, Jessop, Gowan, McGreavy, Fraser, Oram and Johnson.

Kowloon—Angus, Guest, Pile, Headley, McKelvie, Easterbrook, Clemon, Spary, Miles, Hayes and Baldwin.

QUEEN'S EASTERN.

This game on Saturday produced any amount of good football and Queen's may be reckoned decidedly unlucky in not taking both points from the contest. Great credit is due to the Eastern defence, however, for a steady and polished display and Bam in the Eastern goal touched his highest form throughout. Shot after shot was rained in on the Eastern goal, which appeared to bear a charmed life. There was no score at half-time, and play proceeded in favour of the Regiment, although Eastern did a fair amount of attacking, and Haroon required careful watching. This player paved the way to the opening goal, his pass to Dallah leaving the inside-right a clear target. The latter's shot was deflected into the net by Dennis. This reverse stimulated the Queen's to further efforts and they were soon on terms again, Harris doing this needful with a fine first-time shot. An interesting game ended in a draw.

Result:—
Queen's..... 1
Eastern..... 1

RECREIO v. R.A.

The Gunners had an easy task at King's Park on Saturday in a rather dull game, and ran out winners by six goals to nil. The game produced very little to excite enthusiasm, mis-kicks being frequent and the passing of both forward lines very erratic. R.A. have discovered a very useful centre-forward in Reid and this player contributed three of the six goals scored.

Half-time:—
R.A. 3
Recreio 0

R.A. re-started with a dashing raid, but the forwards appeared to find the ball difficult to control and many scoring chances were missed. Reid got through again with a great shot and the same player added a fifth after Recreio had conceded three corners in rapid succession. Play was much too one-sided to be interesting and the Gunners eased up considerably in the closing stages. Davy, however, ran right through to register a sixth point just before time.

Result:—
R.A. 6
Recreio 0

KOWLOON v. SMALL UNITS.

Small Units were an improved side on Saturday, and managed to force a draw on the Kowloon ground after an unsparring struggle. Neither side showed a great deal of ability, but Small Units had rather more of the attack than their opponents and, had they possessed a forward with ability to score goals, would have won comfortably. Kowloon played in very disjointed fashion, Moss and Davies being the only forwards to impress.

Half-time: Kowloon 0; Small Units 0.

Kowloon resumed with a hot attack, but on several occasions their efforts were off-side through the forwards getting off-side. Moss eventually burst through and shot on the run, the ball entering the net at a great pace. Small Units fought back doggedly and Parker sent across some fine centres which the inside forwards failed to turn to account. At length a misunderstanding on the part of the Kowloon defence led to a scramble in the goal-mouth and Lavender managed to get his foot to the ball and steer it over the line.

Result:—
Kowloon..... 1
Small Units..... 1

CHINA ATHLETIC RESERVES v. SOUTH CHINA "A."

These teams met on the Hong Kong F.C. ground, the result being a draw one goal all. Athletic did most of the pressing, but failed to score. The only goal of the first half was scored by Wai Chui Tak for South China.

From the re-start the Athletic put on pressure and were awarded a penalty. Lo Wai Man failing to convert from the spot kick, Li Hung Ching made the score level with a shot from close range and with the Athletic pressing the final whistle sounded with the result: China Athletic 1; South China "A" 1.

NAVY v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

These teams met at Happy Valley on Saturday in Division II. of the League and, despite a plucky display by the Saints, Navy won comfortably by three goals to one. There was very little of interest in the first half, play being chiefly confined to mid-field and the St. Joseph's half backs rendered invaluable service by breaking up the Navy attacks.

Half-time: St. Joseph's 1; Navy 1.

The Navy took complete charge of the game on resuming and always looked like winners. The shooting of the forwards, however, left much to be desired, and the few occasions that they were on the target found Rocha in splendid form between the posts. Clarke eventually gave his side the lead following a corner, and Ball made the issue safe with a splendid drive from a difficult angle.

Result:—
Navy..... 3
St. Joseph's..... 1

"SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY CUP COMPETITION.

ENGLAND'S TEAM.

The following have been selected to represent England against China in the Charity Cup Competition on Christmas Day:—Mott (Beds and Herts Regt.); Wynne (Police) and Hooper (Queen's Regt.); Everest (K.O.S.B.); Hill (Queen's Regt.) and Cantor (Queen's Regt.); Barkham (Titanic), Stock (K.O.S.B.), Goldman (H.K.F.C.), Leach (R.A.), and Caldwell (Queen's Regt.); Reeves (Kowloon), Kerrick (Titanic), Reeves (K.O.S.B.) and Cross (Beds and Herts).

NURMI NOT TO TURN PROFESSIONAL.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 16th. Nurmi, the star Finnish runner, has denied the report recently published that he intends to turn professional.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

FOG AGAIN INTERFERES WITH PLAY.

TWO MATCHES POSTPONED—ONE ABANDONED.

FULHAM'S REVENGE.

Two matches in the First Division of the English League on Saturday had to be postponed owing to fog. Another game in the Second Division, Oldham v. Notts Forest, had to be abandoned after ten minutes extra time when the latter were leading by one goal.

Teams appearing at the top of the League tables won their matches with the exception of Wrexham (Northern section) who gained only one point. In four out of five drawn matches in the First Division each side scored a goal. In the other drawn match the teams scored three goals each. Highest scorers were Torquay and Crewe who in their respective sections of Division III. each gained six goals playing on home grounds.

According to a *Reuter* cable, Luton eliminated Fulham from the Football Association Cup competition replay by four goals to one on Thursday. These two teams met again on Saturday in the League and Fulham had their revenge by a 4-2 victory.

The Scottish Rangers, as usual, annexed another two points comfortably at the expense of the Airdrieonians. Aberdeen, on their own ground, defeated Falkirk 3-3. Hearts had their colours lowered by Celtic, the match producing only one goal.

Full results and revised League tables are appended.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

*Aston Villa..... 1 Manchester C..... 1

Burnley..... 0 Wednesday..... 2

*Bury..... 1 Birmingham..... 1

Cardiff..... 1 Bolton..... 1

Leeds U..... 1 Arsenal..... 1

Leicester..... 4 Huddersfield..... 1

Liverpool..... 1 Blackburn..... 1

Manchester U..... 1 Everton..... 1

Newcastle..... 1 Derby..... 1

Sheffield U..... 3 Portsmouth..... 0

West Ham..... 3 Sunderland..... 3

*Postponed owing to fog.

Home wins 3, away wins 1, drawn 3.

Goals scored: Home 13, away 11.

Division II.

Hull..... 1 Swansea..... 1

Middlesbrough..... 3 Bristol C..... 1

Millwall..... 4 Grimsby..... 3

Notts C..... 1 Stoke..... 1

*Oldham..... 0 Notts For..... 2

Port Vale..... 0 Bradford..... 1

Preston..... 2 Barnsley..... 3

Reading..... 3 Chelsea..... 3

Southampton..... 1 West Brom..... 1

Tottenham..... 1 Blackpool..... 2

Wolves..... 3 Clapton..... 2

*Score when abandoned after two minutes extra time.

Home wins 5, away wins 2, drawn 2.

Goals scored: Home 31, away 16.

Division III. (Southern).

Bristol R..... 1 Northampton..... 2

Crystal Pal..... 1 Exeter..... 0

Fulham..... 4 Luton..... 0

Gillingham..... 2 Bournemouth..... 2

Newport..... 1 Brighton..... 0

Plymouth..... 4 Brentford..... 0

Queen's P.R..... 3 Coventry..... 0

Swindon..... 1 Southend..... 1

Walsall..... 3 Merthyr..... 3

Walsley..... 3 Norwich..... 3

Watford..... 3 Charlton..... 1

Home wins 7, away wins 2, drawn 2.

Goals scored: Home 31, away 16.

Division III. (Northern).

Abercrombie..... 4 Darlington..... 0

Bradford C..... 0 Nelson..... 0

Carlisle..... 0 Rochdale..... 2

Crewe..... 6 Chesterfield..... 1

Hull..... 1 Ashington..... 0

Hartlepool..... 2 Southport..... 2

Lincoln..... 0 South Shields..... 0

Rotherham..... 3 New Brighton..... 1

Stockport..... 4 Doncaster..... 1

Tranmere..... 2 Barrow..... 1

Wigan..... 1 Wrexham..... 1

Home wins 9, away wins 1, drawn 1.

Goals scored: Home 34, away 11.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen..... 5 Falkirk..... 5

Airdrie..... 2 Rangers..... 5

Ayr..... 0 Raith..... 0

Celtic..... 1 Hearts..... 0

Hamilton..... 0 Kilmarnock..... 0

Hibernians..... 2 Dundee..... 0

Motherwell..... 3 Third Lanark..... 2

Partick..... 2 Cowdenbeath..... 1

Queen's Park..... 2 Clyde..... 2

St. Johnstone..... 1 St. Mirren..... 0

Home wins 7, away wins 3, drawn 0.

Goals scored: Home 13, away 15.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The English League Tables and Scottish League Table (Division I.), up to and including matches completed on Saturday, are appended:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Wednesday 10 12 3 4 27 28 27

Derby 10 11 2 6 48 28 24

Blackburn 20 9 5 6 38 27 33

Burnley 20 9 3 8 47 49 21

Leicester 19 8 6 5 48 33 22

Sunderland 19 10 1 8 46 34 21

Bury 19 9 3 7 47 49 21

Aston Villa 19 9 2 8 30 23 20

Everton 19 9 2 8 30 23 20

Sheffield 19 7 5 7 33 20 19

Cardiff 19 7 5 7 33 20 19

Leeds 19 7 5 7 33 20 19

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SATURDAY'S
CRICKET."VARSITY SWAMPED BY
"LEAGUERS.""COLTS" DRAW WITH
"VETERANS."

MANY FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Friendly games were much in favour last Saturday, only two Second League matches being played. The "Varsity" players were evidently in need of practice, as they were no match for the "Leaguers" while the Pokfulum ground is "small meat" for the hard-hitting League players. The two Second League games between I.R.C. v. R.A.S.C. and K.O.C. v. Recreation made little change in the League tables. The I.R.C. still retain their position at the top of the League with 18 points, while K.O.C. remain fourth.

The annual Hong Kong Cricket Club fixture between the "Colts" (under thirty) and the "Veterans" (over thirty) which was played on the Hong Kong C.C. ground resulted in a draw. The "Colts" went in first and scored 153. V. W. L. Stanion (45), H. V. Parker (30), and H. J. Armstrong (30 not out) were the main contributors for their side.

The "Veterans" were given a good start by A. W. Haywood (31) and T. E. Pearce (38), but the remaining batsmen were dismissed cheaply, through Capt. Evans and F. A. Arthur successfully defended the fort until time was called, with the score at 117 for 8 wickets.

The scores:—"Colts" 153 runs; "Veterans" 117 runs for 8 wickets.

KOWLOON C.C. 1st XI v. ROYAL NAVY.

The Kowloon C.C. 1st XI played the Royal Navy at King's Park, the game resulting in a draw. The Navy went in first and compiled 123 runs for 8 wickets and declared.

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The annual Hong Kong Cricket Club fixture between the "Colts" (under thirty) and the "Veterans" (over thirty) which was played on the Hong Kong C.C. ground resulted in a draw.

The "Colts" went in first and scored 153. V. W. L. Stanion (45), H. V. Parker (30), and H. J. Armstrong (30 not out) were the main contributors for their side.

The "Veterans" were given a good start by A. W. Haywood (31) and T. E. Pearce (38), but the remaining batsmen were dismissed cheaply, through Capt. Evans and F. A. Arthur successfully defended the fort until time was called, with the score at 117 for 8 wickets.

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KOWLOON C.C. 1st XI v. ROYAL NAVY.

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LAWN TENNIS.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

WON BY M. W. AND MISS E. LO.

Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham, and Miss Enid Lo and M. W. Lo having won their way to the final on Saturday met yesterday on the Chinese Recreation Club courts, and after a splendid match, the Los secured the distinction of winning the first Mixed Doubles Championship of the Colony.

The match went to three sets and the final scores were 6-4, 5-7 and 6-3. A fairly large crowd of tennis enthusiasts turned up to watch the final and they were rewarded with a really splendid match. At times play became exciting, especially so in the second set in which a ding dong struggle took place. Long rallies were frequent and the spectators were treated to an exhibition of fine play and good courtcraft.

The feature was undoubtedly the fine performances of the two ladies, who won the admiration of the gallery by their skilful and plucky display.

Miss Enid Lo was in particularly good form and gave a capital exhibition throughout. She controlled the ball wonderfully well, driving hard and placing with accuracy. Often she clean beat Tottenham at the net and these passes delighted the gallery. On the few occasions that she ventured up to the net she scored, displaying no small talent for quick volleys.

Mrs. Tottenham played the capital game which on aspects of her and was very consistent with both forehand and backhand drives. She backed up her husband well and gave her opponents very few openings.

On the whole the ladies showed up better than the men.

THE PLAY.

The Los took the first two games, but the Tottenham equalised. The former forged ahead again and led 4-2. Their opponents made a great effort and drew level once more, but playing with accuracy the Los won another two games to secure the first set.

The second set was the best of the match. The Tottenham led at 2 love. Even play followed and the struggle for points became very keen. Two games were then divided and by capital play the Los secured the lead at 4-3. Then the Tottenham drew level and, breaking through M. W. Lo's service and winning their own, brought the score to one set all.

In the final set the Los proved decidedly the better pair and although at times the British couple showed up very well the Chinese were not seriously challenged.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

At the conclusion of the match, Mr. Ng Sze Kwong, President of the Chinese Recreation Club who organised the Tournament, said a few words before requesting Lady Chow to distribute the prizes. He paid a tribute to their Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. F. Lee who ran the Tournament in an efficient manner and thanked Major Lucas, Mr. R. E. Lindell and others for umpiring, and also thanked Lady Chow for kindly consenting to distribute the prizes.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

The semi-finals on Saturday resulted as follows:—

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham beat Lt. Hale and Mrs. Hale 6-2, 6-2.

Miss Enid Lo and M. W. Lo beat Mr. Miles and Owen Hughes 6-4, 6-0.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the league to date are:—

Division I.

Kowloon C.C. 4 1 5 1 5
Kowloon C.C. 2 1 1 0 4
Hong Kong C.C. 2 1 1 0 4
Royal Navy 2 1 1 0 4
Indian R.C. 3 1 1 1 4
Civil Service C.C. 2 0 1 1 1
Chinese R.C. 2 0 1 1 1
Royal Artillery 1 0 0 1 0
University 0 0 0 0 0

Division II.

Indian R.C. 2nd 7 5 1 1 16
Kowloon C.C. 2nd 7 4 1 2 13
R.E. & S. 5 4 0 1 12
Kowloon C.C. 2nd 4 2 2 0 8
Recreation 6 2 1 3 7
Police R.C. 6 2 0 4 8
R.A.S.C. 3 1 2 0 5
University 2nd 2 1 1 0 4
Royal Navy 2nd 4 1 1 2 4
H.K.C.C. 2nd 5 1 1 2 4
H.K.C.C. 2nd 2 1 0 1 3
Electric R.C. 5 0 2 3 2

WOMEN'S CORNER.

"ABOVE RUBIES."
GIFTS THAT WILL BE A
JOY FOR EVER.

Women and jewels belong to each other, even at the period when our dress was most austere we did not give up wearing jewellery, and precious stones are always part of the first gifts that a man gives to the woman he loves. There is no gift more permanent than that of jewelry and no gift that most women appreciate more, for every daughter of Eve knows that her beauty is best set off by precious stones.

Jewelry need not be a very expensive matter in these days, for the semi-precious stones are as much in favour as the rubies of Solomon's wisdom, and there are innumerable small ornaments which are very beautiful and attractive at a low cost. The long bar brooches, for example, which have come so much into favour since shoulder kerchiefs were worn, and as the adornment of the modern costume fitted felt hats are a most suitable gift for this Christmas season.

I had a look round Sennet Freres, after visiting Remina, with a view to getting some suggestions for Christmas gifts to use for this article, and found any number of small presents which can be bought for \$5 or \$6, besides, of course, more expensive jewellery.

I was attracted at once to a show case filled with evening bags and was astonished to find that they were very cheap. There are lovely French steel beaded bags in all sorts of colourings from \$15, and others made of coloured or silver or gold lamé. One envelope bag of pink and gold lamé has a plaque of diamonds and is a most lovely thing. All the bags are beautifully lined and fitted. It is too well established to need reputation that no woman can have too many bags, but I would particularly like to draw your attention to these as they are so reasonable and so delightful.

So many Christmas gifts are purely ephemeral, but there are some people to whom you wish to give a present which will not only be a joy for ever to the recipient but a permanent reminder of your affection. Those special gifts could not take a better form than jewelry, be it only quite an inexpensive little piece.

"FACE VALUE."

SOME VIENNESE THEORIES
OF BEAUTY.

[By Rose Laird.]

Talking to an eminent professor of Medical Faculty of Vienna University, when I was recently in Europe, he said, "A skin that is clear as crystal—that is health, that is beauty."

It was a specially interesting comment to me because I have always maintained that a fine, transparent, healthy skin is good looks. What matter age or lines on the face? We don't want women without them, for it is in them that character and personality lie. If a magician could appear and guarantee to restore to an experienced, elegant woman of the world the ingenious, unlined face she had at seventeen, is there a woman so foolish and ill-advised as to agree?

Even The University Interested.

Facial, skin, and muscle culture in Vienna, go I find, much deeper to the root of the matter than it does even in America, where it is taken on for more serious lines than in England and where graduate doctors and nurses are engaged in this work. In Vienna even the University does not consider it beneath its dignity to interest itself in the cultivation of a healthy skin. That alone can be termed beauty, a term most emphatically not to be applied to the ostrich-like way of too many modern women who bury their faces in a layer of paint in a futile attempt to hide the defects of their skin. What, then, is beauty?

Beauty Is Bone Deep.

We moderns thought we had made the ultimate advance when we disregarded the old saying, "Beauty is but skin deep," and admitted that it was muscle deep. The Viennese experts go further and say that a fine skin results from a beauty that is bone deep. It is, they say, a healthy bone which keeps taut and in good condition a healthy muscle, and healthy muscles give a healthy skin.

A pugilist's power depends primarily on the bone foundation. It is the punching and constant practice that develop the bone, hence the muscles adhering to the bones, and so the whole bodily development. Naturally the advantage of massage and its benefits to the circulation are not neglected and at an electrical association which supplies apparatus to many of the leading physicians of Vienna, and

THE GOOD HOUSE-
KEEPER.LABOUR SAVERS AND
MONEY SAVERS.

The good house keeper looks after her kitchen, and the wise woman looks the same whether she is interested in household duties or not, because the health of her family depends to a very great extent on the kitchen.

It is no use denying that kitchen craft and interest generally in that subject, tends to languish here in Hong Kong. Our kitchens, even in modern houses, are so very different from those at home, so hopelessly inadequate, most of them, in room, light and storage space, that it is indeed a marvel how the "boy" manages to produce such elaborate and delectable meals. He may be a most aggravating person in many ways, he often is, but he must be given credit for this, and he should be given the right tools for his craft.

It is no use using bitter recriminations when you catch him using one of your best table knives to open a tin if you don't give him a tin opener. There may be an extreme case but there are a hundred and one little gadgets, of which more and better are put on the market each year, which are used by women at home who do their own cooking or who have knowledgeable servants, which your boy will never ask for, because he knows nothing of them—and after all the burden of buying new knives does not lie on him. Chopsticks are all he needs to cook and eat with, and he probably thinks you are making an absurd fuss about nothing. But these little gadgets have become popular because they save time and money and do the work more efficiently.

Here are some of the new ones which had been unpacked when I visited Whiteaway Landlady's this week. Stainless fruit and vegetable peelers, apple corers and vegetable mashers. That last is a particularly good invention. I think, as it is much quicker than the old methods with a fork or colander, thus keeping the vegetables warm.

There are scientifically constructed white wood hammers for beating steak, unfortunately, very necessary here. Wooden pie markers (more elegant than a finger nail these), rolling pins, bread knives and platters.

I saw too aluminium jelly moulds and a table spread with all sorts and conditions of brushes for the house, the dog and your boots. Also an excellent furniture cream "Purmo" which is especially good for blackwood and for motor cars, of all incongruous mixtures. It will also clean silver, enamel ware and glass, and contains no oil or grease. It is easy to use and leaves a clear, transparent surface which does not thicken as no accumulations of polish gather with constant use.

to which I went with an introduction from a University professor, I found three instruments new to me.

It is wholly understandable that these should concern the face and neck because it is by the face that the great majority of men and women, their work, ability, sometimes their position in the world, are judged. That is why men are beginning to take more notice of—I won't say beauty matters—but rather facial matters and facial culture and good grooming. A man or woman may have the good, well-developed body of an athlete, but as it is never seen except during sun-bathing it is not a great worldly asset. It is not by his biceps or his feet that a man is judged to such an extent that the phrase has passed into the language, with a particularised meaning in the money market.

To Give Knuckle Massage.

One of the Viennese instruments was for giving knuckle massage. It was attached to an electric current and it operated in turn each of four rubber-padded attachments like the knuckles of the human hand. I have always advocated knuckle massage because of its being deep-seated and benefitting the muscles, instead of just finger-massage, which as likely as not may stretch the skin and may do more towards producing wrinkles than removing them. Girl operators find knuckle massage extremely tiring. This electrical instrument does away with the probability of fatigue on the part of the operator.

Another instrument was a "snapper massage." It consisted of two coiled springs rather like a watch spring with a rubber knob at the end of each after the fashion of the antennae of an insect. Current, when passed along them, made them vibrate, and passed, say, up a scrawny, crepey throat would massage the neck right to the bone, which is in accordance with the Viennese theory of bone and consequently muscle development. It could also be used for the callipers, which develop at the sides of the month. There are tiny "antennae" for treatment

LAWN BOWLS.

"CLOSING DAY" AT BOWLING
GREEN CLUB.

VISITORS ENTERTAINED.

An "At Home" was held at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday to mark the close of activities for the season. Members from other Clubs took part in three rinks games with the hosts, and there were also three other outside rinks. Many ladies were present, and participated in tennis tournaments.

The doings of the Club during the season were reviewed at the close by the President, Mr. B. Wyke, and Mrs. Wyke distributed the tournament prizes and spoons to the winners in the rink games, as under:—

Bowls Tournaments

Club Championship Cup.—1, J. Gibson; 2, S. Gray; 3, J. McKelvie. President's Competition.—1, A. M. Holland; 2, S. Gray; 3, C. Atkinson.

Vice-Presidents' Competition.—1, W. Macfarlane; 2, A. M. Holland. Non-Prize Winners' Competition.—1, E. W. L. Hogbin; 2, P. Young.

Handicap Singles.—1, J. C. Brown; 2, W. Bell; 3, E. W. L. Hogbin. Handicap Doubles.—1, A. M. Holland and D. Muir; 2, J. Gibson and R. Lapsley.

Rink Competition.—1, L. Guy; 2, T. Magill; 3, Rev. J. H. Johnston; 4, Major White.

Tennis Competition.

Gents. Singles Championship.—1, Wilson Brown; 2, F. Goodman. Gents. Singles Handicap.—1, Wilson Brown; 2, T. Ferguson.

Ladies' Singles Handicap.—1, Mrs. McCaw; 2, Mrs. Cuthill. Gents. Doubles Handicap.—1, C. Stewart and F. Clemo; 2, W. E. Hale and W. White.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap.—1, Mrs. Cuthill and Mrs. Hoare; 2, Mrs. Edley and Mrs. Purslow.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—1, Wilson Brown and Mrs. McCaw; 2, C. F. Stewart and Mrs. Purslow.

Rink Games.

A.B.G.C. K.O.C. Hogbin Atkinson Drake Ferguson Farrell Goodman Holland Brown (skip) 12 (skip) 20

K.B.G.C. K.C.C. Nish Burford MacLachlan Howe Magill H.C. Lay Russell Gibson (skip) 11 (skip) 20

K.B.G.C. Recreation Duncan Souza Wavren Gutierrez A. Macfarlane Alves W. Macfarlane Luz (skip) 12 (skip) 13

Other Rinks. White Brown Johnston Cuff Ecclehall Hatt (skip) 13 (skip) 10

Stonham Ripley Chambers Campbell McIntosh Younghusband (skip) 21 (skip) 13

Branch Bell Bond Watson Thompson Tagchi Guy Muir (skip) 12 (skip) 24

MRS. HINCHLIFFE AS A SPIRITUALIST.

STORY OF HER HUSBAND'S TRAGIC FLIGHT.

LONDON, Nov. 18th.

Mrs. Hinchliffe, the widow of Captain Hinchliffe, who perished in an attempt to fly across the Atlantic, is to give a lecture on her spiritualistic experiences. The lecture will be held at Carlton Hall under the auspices of Miss Stead.

Mrs. Hinchliffe, who became interested in spiritualism after her husband's death, declares that Captain Hinchliffe has "come through" to her in seances and told her the complete story of the tragic flight. She will relate his story and the conversations she has had with him.

It is Mrs. Hinchliffe's first experience of public speaking. "I am rather nervous about it," she said to a press representative, "but I am doing it simply because I think people ought to know. At the end of the lecture the audience will be invited to ask as many questions as they like."

HOCKEY.

H.K. LADIES v. ST. ANDREW'S
YOUNG MEN.

The game between the Hong Kong Ladies and the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club on the Club ground at King's Park resulted in a draw. Shortly after the commencement the Young Men scored through R. Wong, but before half-time the Ladies had replied with two goals by Mrs. Jarvis and Miss Stanion. The Young Men then drew level with a goal by T. Whately, but Miss Stanion put the Ladies up one goal a few minutes before time. With just a few moments in hand the Young Men rallied and scored by R. Wong, bringing the score to 3 all.

CANTON HOCKEY.

The picked team of the Hong Kong Hockey Club which went to Canton over the week-end, played the Shamien team yesterday morning, the game resulting in a draw of two goals all.

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SENNET FRERES CHATEAU ROAD.

YACHTING.

FIFTH CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The fifth Championship race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was held on Saturday afternoon over a course of 8½ miles, eighteen shells competing—five in the handicap class, five in the One-Design and Gael Class, and eight in the Heyward Heys class. The results were as follows:—

Handicap Class.

(Start 2.25 p.m.)

	TIME.	Finishing Corrected
Dorothea (1st)	4.15.02	4.09.58
Bella (2nd)	4.10.49	4.10.49
La Linda (3rd)	4.15.14	4.11.35
Colleen (4th)	4.17.44	4.13.37
Diana (5th)	4.22.34	4.20.12

One-Design and Gael.

(Start 2.30 p.m.)

	TIME.	Finishing Corrected
Daphne (1st)	4.20.45	4.20.45
John (2nd)	4.44.45	4.39.58
Thelma (3rd)	4.46.24	4.42.16
Atlas (4th)	4.43.22	4.43.22
Pierrette (5th)	4.48.20	4.44.11

Heyward Heys.

(Start 2.35 p.m.)

	TIME.	Finishing Corrected
Blueshoe (1st)	4.49.23	4.49.23
Benjamin (2nd)	4.51.18	4.51.18
Wings (3rd)	4.52.01	4.52.01
Zephyr (4th)	4.58.15	4.52.25
Why Wonder (5th)	4.54.02	4.54.02
Speedwell (6th)	4.54.31	4.54.31
Lola (7th)	5.02.15	4.55.25
Adara (8th)	4.58.20	4.58.20

YESTERDAY'S RACE.

The course for yesterday's race was right round the Island (land on front side). The start was at 1.05 a.m. and the first boat back was "I & I" which passed the finishing post 15 seconds after 5 p.m. She was easily the winner her corrected time being 4.35.20. She was half an hour ahead of *La Cigale* which arrived at 5.26.35 that being also her corrected time. *Curlew* was served on corrected time and *Queen Bee* a close third. *Wanderer* was the lame duck, "lacking all the way" as the song puts it, but *Imogen* failed to finish.

The results were:—

Course Hong Kong Island (P)

(Start at 10.05 a.m.)

	TIME.	Finishing Corrected
Agonia	7.23.08	6.52.39
La Cigale	5.29.35	5.29.35
I & I	4.35.06	4.35.06
Curlew	5.42.52	4.42.41
U & I	5.00.13	4.35.20
Feathers	5.49.41	4.59.21
Coquette	5.34.21	4.53.57
Imogen	D.N.F.	
Wanderer	7.43.51	7.11.00
Queen Bee	5.45.19	4.45.19
Typhoon	6.15.16	5.09.59
I & I	6.19.29	

MORE TUBES FOR LONDON.

TRAFFIC POOL PLAN EXPLAINED.

LESS STREET CHAOS.

An official of the London Underground group explained to a Press representative last month the scheme by which it is hoped to bring the greater part of London's passenger traffic under a single management.

The scheme, he claimed, would eliminate wasteful competition, and provide the public with vastly improved travelling facilities.

There is no intention of scrapping tubes, tramways, or omnibuses, but where trams and omnibuses are in wasteful competition their numbers will be reduced.

A large extension of the tube system, to relieve street congestion and meet the needs of the outer suburbs, is contemplated. The Underground group and the London County Council are seeking parliamentary authority in the coming session to proceed with the scheme, it was stated, and the Bills promoted by the two bodies will, it is confidently hoped, receive the Royal Assent before the end of the session.

Details Of The Scheme.

"We shall then be able," it was added, "to discuss details of the scheme and begin to get down to the work of reconstruction."

"Tubing extensions planned by the Underground at present are:—

(a) Continuation of Piccadilly Railway from Finsbury Park to Southgate, with stations at Turnpike-lane (Hornsey), Wood Green, and Bowes Park. Congestion at Finsbury Park would thus be greatly relieved.

(b) Extension of the same line from Hammersmith to Northfields. This would be a boon to passengers now using the western extension of the District Railway.

Parliamentary powers for these extensions will be sought as soon as the traffic pool is established. Land for the Piccadilly extensions has been bought, and construction would follow as soon as possible.

THE MARCONI COMPANY.

BRITISH DIRECTORS BUT FOREIGN CAPITAL WELCOME.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROSEY, Dec. 14th.

An extraordinary general meeting in London of the Marconi International Marine Communication Company made alterations in the Articles of Association providing that at no time should more than 25 per cent. of the issued shares of the Company be in the hands of or under the control of persons not of British nationality.

The amended Articles also provide that no person other than a British subject should be qualified to hold office as a Director of the Company, provided always that this prohibition should not apply to the present Directors.

Senator Marconi, presiding, said it would be unfortunate if the impression got abroad that the Company was not now and had not always been under British control. Mr. Kellaway, Managing Director, said the Board had not been inspired by any academic opposition to the employment of foreign capital. They would always be glad to see foreigners interesting themselves in the fortunes of the Company.

THE BRITISH RAJ.

RESISTANCE TO HINDU OLIGARCHY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14th.

British interests in India were emphasized today at a big conference comprising the Council of the European Association, and delegates from all Provinces in India, when it was made clear that the British residents would resist a Hindu oligarchy to the full.

At the opening of the Conference it was at once decided to send a message of sympathy to the Queen, expressing earnest wishes for the King's complete recovery.

The Council's recent memorandum to the Simon Commission was discussed and fully endorsed in a lengthy resolution by the Conference.

Mr. C. B. Charter, who presided, said: "It is useless for wild men to aim at this time at the immediate establishment of a Hindu oligarchy."

"We British residents in India have inherent rights also, and we are determined that any scheme of responsible Government shall recognize those rights."

DISTRESS AMONG BRITISH MINERS.

NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO ASSIST.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 14th.

The plight of British miners, on whose behalf a national appeal was issued a few days back, is giving cause for still deeper concern, and the Premier, Mr. Baldwin, has to-day addressed a letter to the Lord Lieutenants of all Counties, appealing for assistance in raising additional help for the relief of the continued distress in the coalfields.

Mr. Baldwin mentions that the Government has appointed an organising secretary to undertake co-ordination of the various relief agencies.

The Lord Mayors' Fund, the original appeal, was practically exhausted at the end of November. The Lord Mayor of London asked all the chief citizens of cities and municipalities through England and Wales to hold public meetings and otherwise to enlist support in the establishment of organisations for the collection of contributions and the reception of gifts of clothing, while a meeting of the Lord Mayors and Mayors of England was held in London a few days ago for a discussion of the problem.

County Assistance.

Mr. Baldwin now suggests that the Lord Lieutenants might co-operate in the national appeal decided upon by inaugurating County organisations to further the objects of the Lord Mayor's Fund.

ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING IN ARGENTINE.

NICARAGUA PROTEST STAGED.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14th.

The pronounced anti-American feeling in Argentina since the intervention of the United States in Nicaragua flared up to-day when a group of General Sandino's sympathisers, profiting by Mr. Hoover's presence, paraded the streets with provocatively inscribed banners.

Mounted police eventually charged the demonstrators and several were wounded and arrested.

"THE WELL OF LONELINESS."

MAGISTRATE'S DECISION.

TO BE BURNED.

Two hundred and forty-seven copies of "The Well of Loneliness," the novel which Mr. James Douglas condemned in the *Sunday Express*, will be flung into the furnace at Scotland-yard.

The order for the destruction was signed by Sir Charles Biron, the chief magistrate at Bow-street Police Court, and was handed to Chief Detective Inspector John Prothero and Detective Inspector Burnby, who seized the books after they had been impounded by the Customs authorities at Dover.

Hundreds of people flocked to the court to hear the magistrate give his judgment. Women filled the public enclosure, and so dense was the crowd that scores of people had to be turned away.

Miss Radclyffe-Hall, the writer of the novel, sat at the solicitors' table. She wore a tiny sprig of white hennery at the side of her sombre hair.

Sir Archibald Bodkin, Director of Public Prosecutions, sat behind the crowded counsel's seat, and closely followed the magistrate's summing-up and decision.

Sir Charles Biron addressed the court for nearly an hour. He spoke in quiet, conversational tones, dealing with all the points raised by the counsel who represented Messrs. Jonathan Cape, Ltd., the publishers, and Mr. Leonard Hill, the representative of the Pegasus Press of Paris. Both were summoned to show cause why the copies of the novel should not be destroyed on the ground that the book was obscene.

Author's Protest.

Towards the end of the case Miss Radclyffe-Hall, who had been showing signs of uneasiness, broke the orderliness of the proceedings by a dramatic protest. Sir Charles had just finished dealing with an incident described in the book when the novelist shouted:—

"Shame! It is not correct! I am the author of this book, and I protest. I cannot have my book misinterpreted like this!"

The magistrate, without raising his eyes, said: "I shall have you removed if you interrupt." He repeated his stern warning, and Miss Radclyffe-Hall remained silent for the rest of the proceedings.

Sir Charles Biron, besides directing that the copies of the book should be destroyed, ordered the defendants to pay the costs of the proceedings.

Miss Radclyffe-Hall left the court in a rage. She clenched her fingers excitedly when her friends surrounded her, and protested vehemently against references in the magistrate's address.

"This is not the end," she said. "Let all who love justice bear this in mind. It was simply shocking the way passages in my book were misinterpreted."

Women's War Work.

"I take particular exception to the magistrate's reference to the war work done by British women. He has held them up to approbrium in a public court."

"I defy anybody to read that portion of my book which deals with the war work done by women and find anything but the highest and most reverent respect for the moral character of those women—the finest, most courageous, most sacrificing and, above all, the purest!"

Sir Charles, in his judgment, said the only question for decision was whether the book was an obscene libel. Mr. Norman Birkett, for the defence, had tried to make a subtle distinction between what he called inverts and perverts.

"I confess," said Sir Charles, "that after reading the book I was surprised at this contention being put forward, and I was not surprised when, after the adjournment, Mr. Birkett announced he was not in a position to contend any further that this book did not relate to unnatural offences in every sense of those words."

"Mr. Birkett, however, with Mr. Melville," said Sir Charles, "urged that the subject was dealt with with restraint, and there was nothing in the book, which tended to the glorification of certain practices."

"The dictionary describes the word obscene," said the magistrate, "as offensive to chastity, delicacy, or decency... or offensive to the moral senses as to excite lustful passions."

"It was not without significance that the defendants had not gone into the box. Mr. Jonathan Cape and the gentlemen representing the Pegasus Press had maintained a discreet silence."

"I agree that the book has some literary merits," continued Sir Charles, "but the very fact that it is well written can be no answer to these proceedings, because otherwise we should be in the preposterous position of the 'most obscene book' would be free from censure. It must appear to every one of intelligence that the better an obscene book is written, the greater the public to whom it is likely to appeal."

"The more palatable the poison, the more insidious."

(Continued on next column)

TREES OF REMEMBRANCE.

PLANS FOR BEAUTIFYING BRITISH ROADS.

The planting of roadside trees and avenues, "in remembrance" is a form of memorial encouraged by the Roads Beautifying Association, of which Colonel Wilfrid Ashley, Minister of Transport, is President. The Association has appointed a Roads of Remembrance Committee to undertake the necessary arrangements for this work.

Any family desiring to perpetuate by tree-planting the memory of a relative has been asked to communicate with the hon. secretary at 47, Victoria-street, S.W.1.

Gifts are invited of trees (especially small flowering trees), shrubs, and other plants, seats for wayfarers, wayside strips of land for planting, drinking fountains, trophy milestones, and statuary for "the open-air museum or art gallery of the wayside."

The sum of two guineas, it is stated, will cover the cost of providing a Remembrance Tree with suitable inscription. The hon. treasurer is Mrs. M. I. Illingworth.

"I can imagine a book on this subject presenting the whole matter as a tragedy—the tragedy being that there may be people so afflicted who try their best to fight against this horrible vice, and find themselves in peril in that direction, or unable to resist its tendencies that result in moral and physical degradation. I can imagine dealing with the subject on those terms forming the subject of a novel" which might have a strong moral influence.

"A Tragedy."

"I am told by Mr. Melville that the book is presented as a tragedy. But the tragedy is presented here as that of people who indulge in these vices and who are not tolerated by decent people—not received in society, but ostracised."

"The whole note of the book is a passionate and almost hysterical plea for the toleration and recognition of these people, and that their practices should be tolerated and recognised in decent society."

"It is a book of some 600 pages dealing solely or in the main with unnatural offences."

"There is not a single word from beginning to end which suggests that any one with these tendencies is in the least blameworthy, or that they should be resisted."

"Every one of the characters who indulge in these vices are presented to us as attractive people and put forward for our admiration, and those who object to these vices are sneered at as 'prejudiced, foolish, and cruel.'"

"A Serious Matter."

"What is a much more serious matter, the conduct of these women is described in the most alluring terms."

"It is actually put forward that this indulgence improves their mental balance and capacity."

Sir Charles quoted a passage describing the friendship between the heroine, who was presented as a very fine character, and a married woman whom she ultimately persuaded to indulge in these practices, and added: "And in view of that I am asked to say this book is not a defence of these practices."

Sir Charles said it was very significant in view of that appeal to him that the girl was described as expressing her approval of these practices. When the mother spoke to her about this slur on her life she replied, "I am not ashamed of it. There is no shame in me."

Sir Charles said there was a suggestion in the book that a number of women of position and character who were at the front, engaged in ambulance work, were addicted to these practices.

It was at this point that Miss Radclyffe-Hall protested.

Sir Charles then quoted further passages. One was what he described as "the life of these two people living in filthy sin." Another, which seemed to have been overlooked by the defence, was that the mother was denounced as a cruel, pitiless woman when she would not allow Stephen to bring the girl she had debauched into her household.

There was another description of a ménage in Paris kept by a French woman who was presented to the public as the leading perverted woman in Paris. She was described, and all the people who frequented the ménage were described, although they had this vice, in terms of considerable eulogy.

"Hysterical Passages."

The book concluded with singular and hysterical passages in which the Deity was mentioned quite frequently. The concluding passage asked that He should "acknowledge us before the whole world and give us also the right of our existence."

"I confess," said Sir Charles, "the way in which the Deity is introduced seems to be singularly inappropriate and disgusting."

"These being the terms of the book," said Sir Charles, "I have no hesitation whatever in saying it is an obscene libel; it would tend to corrupt those whose hands it should fall, and its publication is an offence against public decency, and I shall order it to be destroyed."

An Appeal?

Messrs. Rubinstein, Nash & Co., solicitors, for Miss Radclyffe-Hall, state that the question of an appeal to quarter sessions is under consideration.

POLAND "GUILLOTINES" FOREIGN GOODS.

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A newly formed organisation has been called the "Polish League for Economic Self-sufficiency" has begun a vigorous campaign for discouraging—with the aid of physical violence if necessary—the sale of imported goods and encouraging the public to buy home-made products. The campaign was opened by a mob of Warsaw students demolishing a new store which an enterprising trader had named "Old England."

This "stunt" secured for the League a good measure of publicity for the formal opening of the campaign, which began a day or two ago with an enormous gathering on the Saxe-Place parade grounds—in the centre of Warsaw—to witness the "execution" of importers and the wares they handle. A mock guillotine was erected in the centre of the square, and with great solemnity the executioner and his helpers proceeded to cut to pieces effigies of importers as well as various and sundry "lines" that are now being sold in Poland to the supposed detriment of native industries. Boots and shoes from Great Britain, ladies' garments and cosmetics from France, glassware from Czechoslovakia, kitchen utensils from Germany, food products from the United States, and a miscellaneous assortment of other articles were chopped to pieces to the accompaniment of loud applause from the assembled multitude. The temper of the demonstrators is such that all the prudent storekeepers in town—most of them being Jews—are now prominently displaying signs in their

windows reading "All goods sold here are made in Poland."

It is somewhat of a paradox that, while Polish statesmen and economists—heartily supported by Mr. Charles S. Dewey, the American Financial Adviser to the Polish Government—lay great stress on the claim that Poland's considerable excess of imports over exports denotes, in the first place, a healthy building up of the country's economic structure, and, secondly, that foreigners, who are, of course, financing the unfavorable trade balance, are showing the utmost confidence in the political and economic stability of Poland, irresponsible students at the same time are being incited to acts of violence and pantoime with the object of stopping the importation of foreign merchandise.

It is no doubt high time that the Poles began seriously to consider ways and means for the correction of the trade balance, but it is a problem that calls for intelligent economic statesmanship, and not one to be left to the impulses of mob demonstrators.



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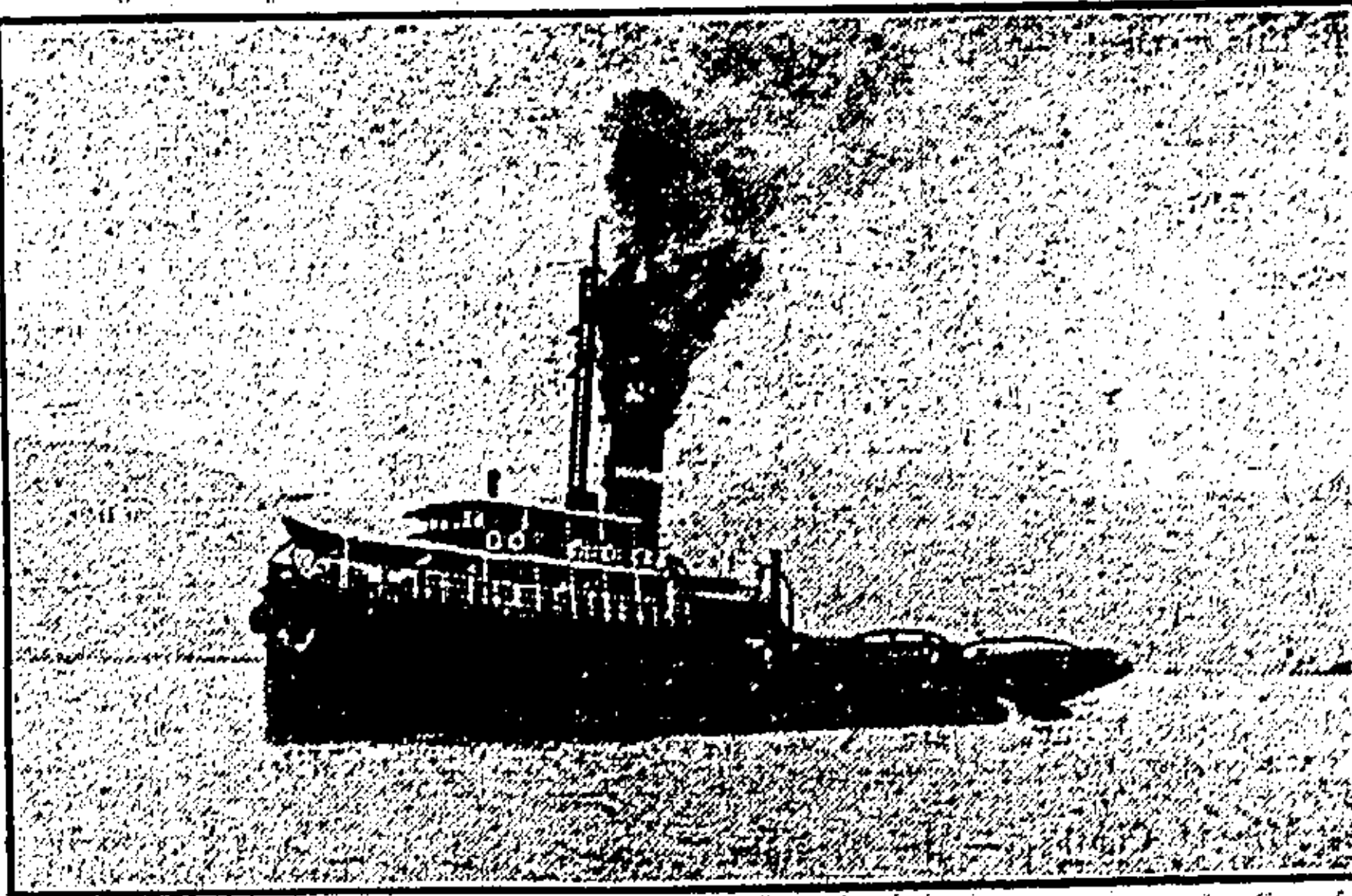
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ARRIVALS.	CLEARANCES.	PASSENGERS.
December 14th. <i>Atlas Maru</i> , Japanese str., 4,511 tons, Capt. K. Orihara, from Singapore, which port she left on December 8th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.	December 15th. <i>Atlas Maru</i> , for Shanghai. <i>Chienan</i> , for Canton. <i>Coblenz</i> , for Manila. <i>Equinox</i> , for Shanghai. <i>Equinox</i> , for Singapore. <i>Ginsen Maru</i> , for Batu Pahat. <i>Idalia</i> , for Hoibow. <i>Hong Sang</i> , for Swatow. <i>Hirundo</i> , for Swatow. <i>Hong Keng</i> , for Singapore. <i>Hozan Maru</i> , for Swatow. <i>Kiangsu</i> , for Swatow. <i>Kiangchow</i> , for Amoy. <i>Kathe</i> , for Dalny. <i>Limchow</i> , for Hoibow. <i>Ma Lee</i> , for Chikoo. <i>Morioka Maru</i> , for Singapore. <i>Nelson Pine</i> , for Whampoa. <i>Ningpo</i> , for Canton. <i>President Monroe</i> , for Manila. <i>Raymond Poincare</i> , for Hoibow. <i>Siam</i> , for Shanghai. <i>Sungang</i> , for Swatow. <i>Wing Lee</i> , for Kwang Chow Wan.	Passengers arrived by the N.D.L. <i>Coblenz</i> on December 15th were:—Mr. E. G. Mann, Mrs. C. S. Mann, Mr. E. G. Steinhardt, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Payne, Mr. S. Y. See, Mr. H. F. Chang, Mr. G. J. Chang, Mr. O. Hauer, Mr. Wm. McKinlay, Mrs. W. C. Chang, Mr. F. Carlin, Miss C. K. Liang, Miss W. C. Liang, Miss H. Elsenhaus, Mr. A. Golecki, Mr. V. C. Chang, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Calderon, Mrs. Chang, Mr. S. S. Chen, Miss C. Lee, J. Y. Lee, Mr. T. Y. Chen, Mr. C. T. Chan, Mr. K. Tanaka, Mr. R. C. Wu, Mr. T. Sze, Mr. Tam, Mr. G. Finn, Mrs. G. Boham, and Mr. K. Ahmed. List of passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the a.s. <i>Aeneas</i> :—Miss K. B. Berry, Mr. I. McL. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cornell, Miss E. das Deres, Mrs. A. Dykes and two children, Miss C. Farmer, Miss J. M. Grant, Miss K. N. Graveson, C. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hooley, Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robinson and daughter, Mr. D. A. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevenson and Miss F. M. Stevenson, Mr. H. Tester, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. N. Tinson, Mr. G. G. Walker, Mrs. L. B. Warren and two children, Mr. I. Paulsen, Mr. H. E. Robertson, Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Staley, Mr. Koh Sin Toong, Miss A. Balls, Mr. C. R. Coomber, Major R. C. A. Glunick, R.M., Mr. W. C. T. Hammond, O.B.E., Mr. L. F. Hopkinson, Miss K. Jackson-Willis, Miss L. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. D. Steel, Mrs. and Miss Tomlin.
December 15th. <i>Aeneas</i> , British str., 6,256 tons, Capt. W. R. Wallace, from Liverpool and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 10th, with a general cargo, lying at Hoile's Wharf.—B. & S. <i>Chienan</i> , British str., 1,313 tons, Capt. S. M. Barling, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B34.—B. & S. <i>Chienan</i> , British str., 1,354 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Swatow, with 276 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S. <i>Coblenz</i> , German str., 3,395 tons, Capt. W. Reher, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 10th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—Melchers.	December 15th. <i>Aeneas</i> , for Shanghai. <i>Oldenburg</i> , for Takao. <i>Kushan Maru</i> , for Swatow. <i>President Monroe</i> , American str., 10,533 tons, Capt. A. Ahman, from San Francisco and Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 10th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf. <i>Dollar</i> , str., 4,223 tons, Capt. H. F. Hansen, from Singapore, which port she left on December 7th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—John Mann and Co. <i>Idalia</i> , Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Narvalla, from Saigon, which port she left on December 10th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C46.—Fau Yuen Hong. December 16th. <i>Benarby</i> , British str., 5,500 tons, Capt. H. W. Bee, from London, via Straits and Manila. The first mentioned port she left on October 31st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Gibb, Livingstone & Co. <i>Cheng Shing</i> , British str., 1,233 tons, Capt. D. R. Kilbee, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—Jardine, Matheson & Co. <i>Hoi Ning</i> , British str., 839 tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas, Lapin & Co. <i>Huyph</i> , British str., 1,205 tons, Capt. Maley, from Swatow, with 140 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C16.—B. & S. <i>Kunthow</i> , British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C34.—B. & S. <i>Martaban</i> , British str., 3,135 tons, Capt. A. Rowland, from New York, which port she left on November 6th, with 5,607 tons of coal and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—Gibb, Livingstone & Co. <i>Oldenburg</i> , German str., 5,196 tons, Capt. O. Hansen, from Hamburg, which port she left on November 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jensen & Co. <i>Wai Shing</i> , British str., 1,169 tons, Capt. J. W. Pettigrew, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Departures. Passengers sailing by the N.D.L. <i>Coblenz</i> on December 15th:—Mrs. Baumann, Miss Baumann, Mr. and Mrs. J. Viola and two children, Mr. J. Viola, Mr. B. T. Pingki, Mr. E. H. Hyndman, Mr. I. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sandvold, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ehsen, Miss Henrietta Lucia Swete, Miss D. Ritter, Mr. M. Viloria, Mr. K. Kuschaldas, Mr. S. Tolaram, Mr. T. Verbeem, Mr. S. Chandamal, Mr. D. Assomal, Mr. A. Chieng, Mr. A. Yee Tuan, Mr. L. Ruchand, Mr. A. Doulatram, Mr. P. Bheroomal, and Mr. A. Heger. Passengers left Hong Kong by the a.s. <i>Kama Maru</i> , for Europe on December 15th were:—Mr. K. Koldum, Mr. S. Vallimohamed, Mr. Y. Kurakawachi, Mr. M. Yamada, Mr. T. Nagao, Master T. Nagao, Mr. and Mrs. T. Taga and son, Mrs. A. Katsuno, Mr. I. G. Denbigh, Miss K. Stuhlman, Cdr. and Mrs. S. Miura, Mr. J. Fujii, Mrs. M. Krupsky, Mr. F. Murakami, Mr. E. M. Schlosser, Mr. and Mrs. Wan Seng Fatt, Mrs. T. Matsushima, Miss A. J. Holland, Mr. R. Mogi, Mr. T. L. Gaultin, Mrs. K. Ohmura, Mr. Y. Kamitake, Mrs. Y. Matsumura, Mr. H. Tomikawa, Mr. K. Takahashi, Mr. H. Negishi, Mr. R. Potter, and Mr. A. C. New.

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